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Keith Salas celebrates during Antioch High School's graduation ceremony Thursday, June 1. Administrators handed out 558 diplomas.

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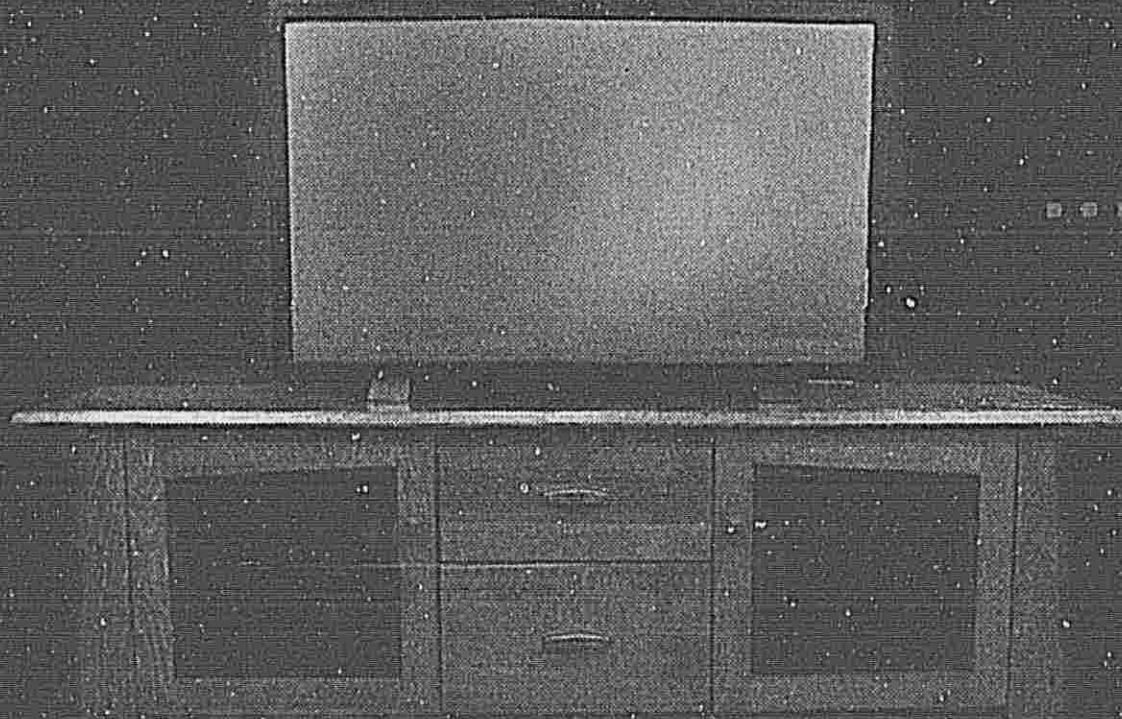
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Mundelein gunman killed after highway chase in Nebraska

By REBECCA KLUGIEWICZ
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MUNDELEIN — A manhunt that began locally on Monday, June 5, ended abruptly the next day more than 600 miles away when a gunman was shot down by Nebraska State Troopers.

Mundelein police said Hermelindo Rivas, 38, allegedly shot his former landlords inside their Lange Street home in Mundelein on June 5.

Police said he had used several false names when obtaining employment and it was unclear whether that was his real name. He has no criminal history under that name, Mundelein Chief of Police Raymond Rose said.

Mundelein police obtained a warrant for Rivas' arrest on Tuesday, June 6, which carried two counts of attempted first degree murder and two counts of aggravated battery with a

firearm, all four of which are Class X felonies.

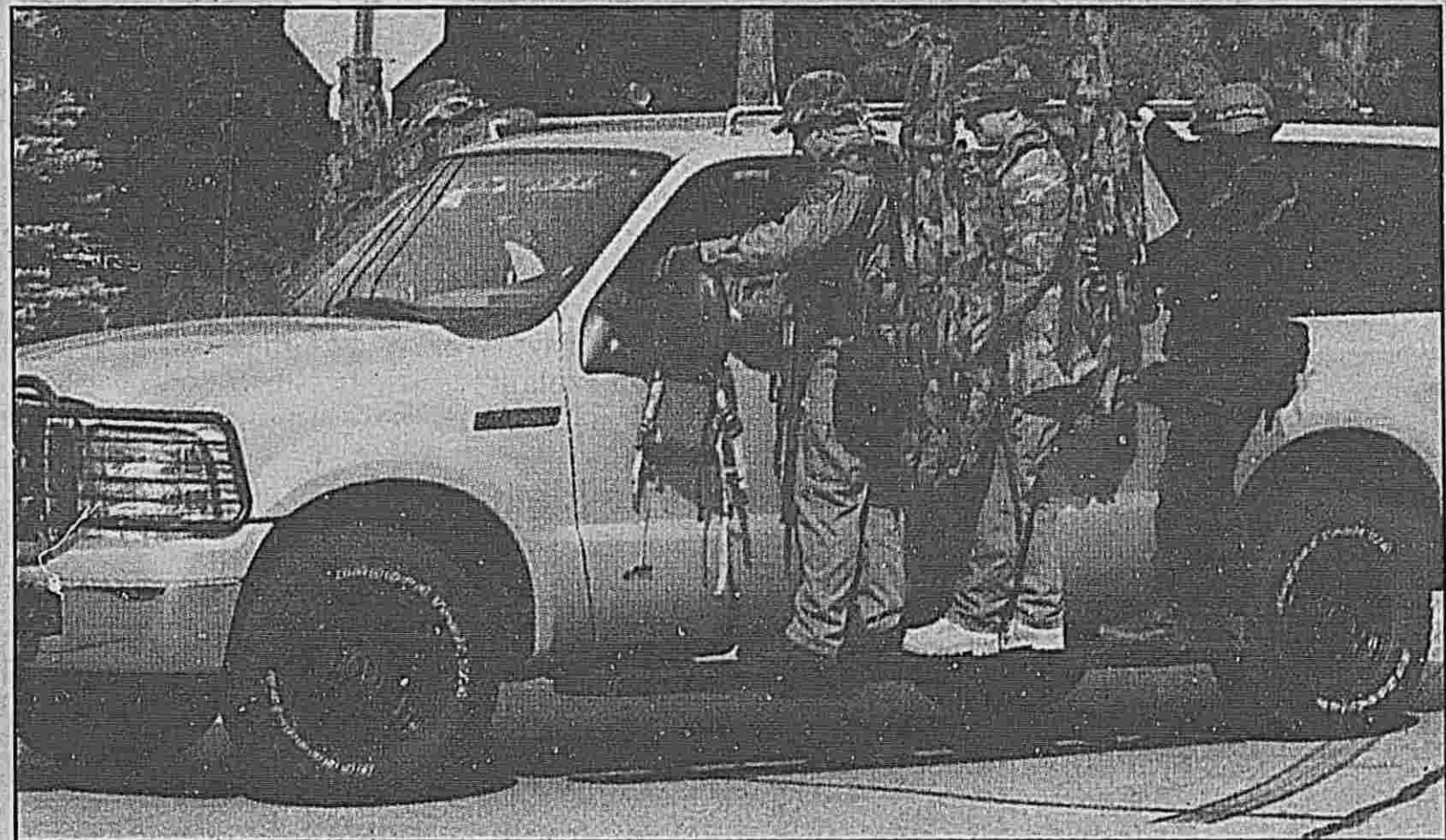
Rivas had rented a room from the victims, Abiel G. Alvarado, 52, and Martina Santos, 31, at 854 Lange St., Rose said.

"[Alvarado] sold the house and evicted Mr. Rivas, who became very upset that he had no place to go and that he was being put out on the street," Rose said.

Rivas was evicted June 5 and returned to the house that night while the victims were changing the locks. A confrontation ensued and Rivas shot Alvarado once in the right shoulder and Santos twice in the abdomen and leg before fleeing, police said. It was the first shooting in the village this year, Rose said.

Alvarado called 911 about

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Members of the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System-Emergency Services Team (NIPAS EST) patrol the scene of a stand-off near the intersection of Barnhill Drive and Route 176 in Mundelein. The suspect was later killed in a Nebraska shootout while he was enroute to California. Hermelindo Rivas was then believed to have fled to the home on Barnhill, where one of his three vehicles was found.



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Editor's Choice by Larry Lough

Some things we can explain, but others...

Readers are a perceptive group. Not much goes wrong in a newspaper that escapes the notice of at least one – and usually many – of the Journals' tens of thousands of readers.

For example, the Lake County section last week was missing something – apostrophes and single quotation marks in headlines and other "display" type.

That one we cannot explain to curious and confused readers.

We recently installed new computers in the Journals' newsroom, and last week's editions were the first produced with the new hardware and software. Our best guess is that the culprit was in the technology. We'll hope we don't repeat the problem this week.

Readers might also notice something missing this week – the continuation of the series by reporter Emily Previti on the discovery of asbestos containing material at Illinois Beach State Park.

That absence we can explain.

We had the next part of the series planned for Page A3 today. But when the shootings in Mundelein occurred Tuesday, something had to give. Emily's ongoing report will continue later.

That's the new business.

As always, your comments are welcome. Send e-mail to llough@nwnewsgroup.com.

Thanks for reading the Journals.

This Week's Highlights



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Jesse Specht (left) stands up and cheers on fellow grads during the June 1 graduation ceremony at Antioch High School.

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Time to celebrate!

ACHS Class of '06 reflects, looks ahead to future

By TARA CLIFTON
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ANTIOCH — Breanna Pedersen, 28, stood in the golden dusk, cradling a bouquet of large sunflowers.

Her sister, Shannon, 25, stood next to her, holding a bundle of purple, pink, white and red flowers.

Both scanned the mass of crimson-robed students for their little sister, Christina, 17. She was one of 558 Antioch Community High School students that graduated the evening of Thursday, June 1.

"We're so excited," Breanna



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Jennifer Sauer, Nicholas Santiago, Tony Sanderson and Keith Salas cheer during their graduation ceremony.

said. Sunflowers are Christina's favorite, she said.

The seniors were grouped into a large square on the school's football field, sur-

rounded by packed home-side bleachers and hundreds of people sitting in lawn chairs on the grass.

The evening was electric

with shouts, horns, applause, cheers and a beach ball that students punched into the air right before the diplomas were handed out. Everybody there celebrated not only the accomplishment of completing four years of high school, but the bright futures ahead of each graduate.

Retiring music teacher John Olisar, leaving after 33 years in education, addressed the students first, reminding them to keep the memories and lessons of their past, as well as the people, close to them.

"After you leave here and look back on the years, you'll remember the people who made your life much richer by being in it," Olisar said.

And reflecting on the joyous atmosphere, he said,

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● Our Town

Games from dusk 'til dawn

First National Bank Employee Owned is getting in on the fun Antioch has planned for Independence Day.

As part of the village's Fourth of July celebrations, the bank will host its 15th Annual Sports Tournaments. The games run from dawn until dusk Tuesday, July 4.

Athletes can play co-ed softball, co-ed sand volleyball, a basketball three-point shoot-out contest and a horse-shoe tournament.



Tara Clifton

Get more information and pre-register by calling Karen Kubin at (847) 395-3111, ext. 319.

On Wednesday, June 7, Raymond Chevrolet donated four CPR Resusci-Annies to the Antioch Rotary Club, the Antioch Chamber of Commerce, Antioch High School and Lakes High School.

Resusci-what, you ask? These devices are dolls that are used to practice CPR on. I guess someone thought it would be funny to name them Annie.

Raymond Chevrolet donated the manikins in the hopes that more people can be trained to save lives while using them. Quite a noble cause.

Hey Rachel Hermanson! You made the Dean's List this semester! Congratulations on pulling off a 3.75 grade point average or better at Wisconsin Lutheran College, in Milwaukee.

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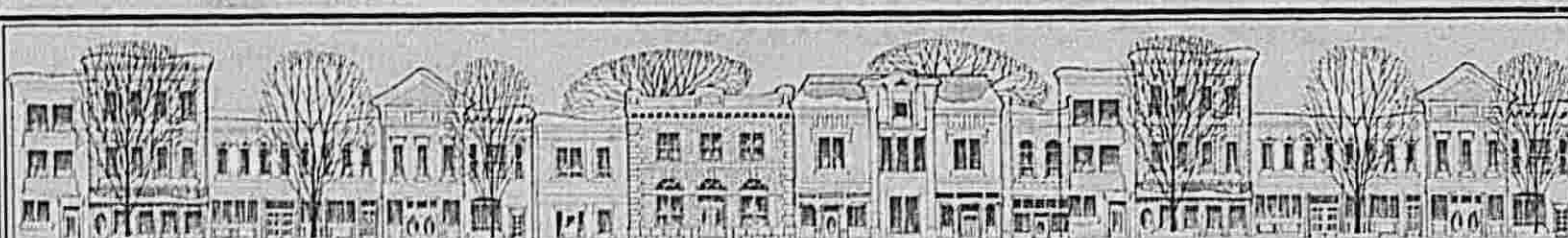
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Classes offer teens chance to discover their dreams

By TARA CLIFTON
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Metamorphosis Effect

ANTIOCH — Mary Lou Williamson believes life offers so many more lessons than those found in math or biology books.

That's why she created The Metamorphosis Effect classes, held in Antioch and Grayslake, that help teenagers discover their dreams, build self-esteem and learn how to meet goals.

The sessions will be held at Jones Island Park in Grayslake and Williams Park in Antioch, enabling a comfortable, relaxed atmosphere, Williamson said.

"We can be outside, eat, be boisterous," Williamson said, chuckling. She said she doesn't want the classes to feel like school.

"The whole rule of thumb is there are no wrong answers, because feelings can't be wrong," Williamson said. "We get some good thought-provoking discussions going. I give them food for thought."

She aids this process by using movies, stories, games, art, journals and more, Williamson said. The classes are very interactive, and they focus on self-introspection. Their sizes should be no bigger than 15 students.

Williamson said she concentrates on what she believes are the six main areas of life development: mental, physical, social, home life, career and finances, and ethics and beliefs.

• Cost: \$250 per person (price can be negotiated if needed)

Classes:

- June 19 to June 30: 10 a.m. to noon in Grayslake, 1 to 3 p.m. in Antioch
- July 11 to July 22: 10 a.m. to noon in Antioch, 1 to 3 p.m. in Grayslake
- July 25 to Aug. 11: 10 a.m. to noon in Grayslake, 1 to 3 p.m. in Antioch
- Aug. 14 to Aug. 25: 10 a.m. to noon in Antioch, 1 to 3 p.m. in Grayslake

Teens are encouraged to discover what their dreams are and find ways to achieve them, Williamson said.

She runs a similar program during the school year, which also offers one-on-one sessions.

"So many kids feel alone in a group," Williamson said. "I as a teen felt the same way. But if I can rise above this, anybody can."

Williamson's passion is educating the young, but her background is business. She founded fewchoreforms, inc., headquartered on 1239 Main St., in Antioch.

The company offers businesses sessions that teach how to increase employee efficiency, happiness, and productivity.

As a mother, grandmother and foster mom, Williamson said she has a soft spot for children.

"I want to do something of value," she said.

Class of '06 shoots for stars

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"Congratulations Class of 2006! It took you four years, it took me 33!"

Elizabeth Ardagna, her tassel dangling near her face as she stood at the podium, answered a question that many have asked while roaming the halls of Antioch High School.

"Why are we here?" Ardagna asked. Does it really matter what one does in high

school, she said, considering that everything changes?

All the experiences through school, both good and bad, have shaped each person, Ardagna said.

"It's not what we leave behind at ACHS, but what we bring with us," Ardagna said. "The most important item we'll bring back with us is ourselves."

"When looking back, I hope you say, 'There's a place where I truly learned who I am,' because that's what happened here."

● Police Beat

People named here have only been charged with these crimes, not convicted. Information in Police Beat comes from local police records.

No valid driver's license

Elaine F. Wagener, 30, 39880 N. Golf Lane, Antioch, no valid license, driving uninsured, expired registration, suspended registration, June 2.

Suspended driver's license

James R. Nottingham, 31, 40949 N. Delany Road, Wadsworth, suspended license, June 5.

Chris A. Christiansen, 38, 22337 86th St., Salem, Wis., suspended license, speeding, May 30.

Revoked driver's license

Jonathan A. Horan, 33, 500 Longview Drive, Antioch, revoked license, speeding, May 31.

John E. Cox, 50, 4039 14th Ave., Kenosha, Wis., revoked license, failure to yield while leaving driveway, May 30.

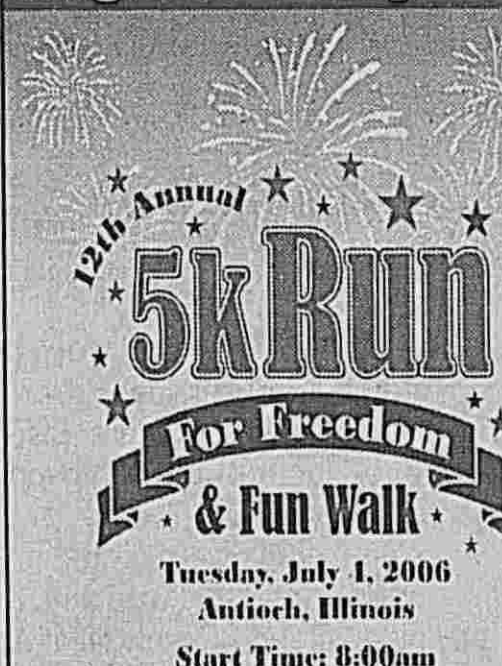
Show your talent!



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W.C. Petty Elementary School third-grader Hannah Skoog belts out a tune as her dad, Eric Skoog, accompanies on guitar during a talent show at the Antioch school.

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Activities

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Favorite band:

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Favorite sports team:

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Egg rolls

If I had a million dollars, I would:

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Boating accident injures five

By TARA CLIFTON
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ANTIOCH – People injured in an early-morning boating accident over the weekend have been treated and released from area hospitals, including three people who were ejected onto land.

Seven friends were riding on Lake Marie around 1:45 a.m. on Saturday, June 3, when the driver, Ryan Wiegel, 24, of Antioch, tried to turn the boat around near the lake's eastern shore.

In the darkness, Wiegel misjudged the boat's distance from the shore and ended up running through marshes behind 952 Inverness and hitting land, said Ron Michaels, deputy sheriff of the Lake County Marine Unit.

The impact shot three passengers from the boat: Christopher Doles, 24, Antioch; Siobhan Findlay, 25, Chicago; and Eric Adrian, 24, Rolling Meadows.

Findlay was airlifted to Lutheran General Hospital's trauma center in Park Ridge. Doles, Adrian, Jerry Mihovilovich

Jr., 23, Antioch and Ashley DeBernardis, 23, Lake Zurich, were taken to Northern Illinois Medical Center in McHenry.

Wiegel and Michael Chu, 23, Lindenhurst, refused treatment, Michaels said.

All are in stable condition.

Michaels said high speeds might have been a factor in the accident, with the boat traveling at an estimated 25 to 30 mph. Alcohol was not a factor.

"[Wiegel] said he just had no realization that the shore was that close," Michaels said.

D117 ponders new high school building in 10 years

By TARA CLIFTON
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ANTIOCH – School District 117 is keeping its eyes on the future, and that includes looking at land that one day could become district property.

Officials met with a developer June 3 to look at a 60- to 75-acre parcel that might support a new high school, said Bill Ahlers, the district's business manager.

Ahlers declined to name the developer or the exact location of the land.

"It's not something that has to be rushed," Ahlers said. "It's very low key right now."

District Superintendent Jay Sabatino said the acreage is

near the east side of D117's coverage area. He also declined to name the developer.

Sabatino said district officials have looked at three tracts of land over the past year or so.

Building a high school or any other facility is probably 10 years away, Ahlers said.

"Even if they can't build a high school, we'll still have land to use," Ahlers said.

Sabatino said Antioch's growing population is a concern, although right now both high schools are not overcrowded. But a decade could change that, Sabatino said.

"If we look down the road in 10 years, there's a real good chance we'll need another site," Sabatino said.

AUGS assistant principal leaves for Richmond

Replacement hails from Salem, Wis.

By TARA CLIFTON
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ANTIOCH – Good news for one school, bittersweet news for another.

Antioch Upper Grade School will lose Tim Molitor as one of its assistant principals, but Nippersink Middle School, in Richmond, will gain him as its principal.

Scott Thompson, District 34 superintendent, said Phil Georgia, coming from Central High School in Salem, Wis., will be Molitor's replacement. Georgia has taught at the Salem school for nine years and served as its math department chair.

Molitor and Georgia could not be reached for comment.

Like a game of musical chairs, administrative positions at Antioch Upper Grade School have been vacant and filled quickly. Eric Skoog, principal at AUGS, is leaving to become head of District 34's student assistance program. Former assistant principal of Antioch Upper Grade, Jason Lind, will depart for Millburn School to become its principal. Alicia Corrigan was recently named as his replacement.

When Molitor assumes the role of Nippersink Middle School's principal July 1, he will take the place of Kevin

Shelton, who will be Johnsburg High School's new principal.

Paul Hain, superintendent of Nippersink School District 2, said Molitor was chosen as the middle school leader from a pool of more than 25 applicants.

He will work with one assistant principal, Hain said.

A committee conducted the search process, Hain said, and Molitor got along well with everyone.

"He had an easy rapport with the interview team," Hain said. "Everybody thought he would be an excellent fit."

Hain said Molitor gained valuable experience through his time at School District 34, and will fit his new district's needs well.

"He's a very student-oriented, energetic type of person," Hain said. "I think the kids are going to love having him as their principal."

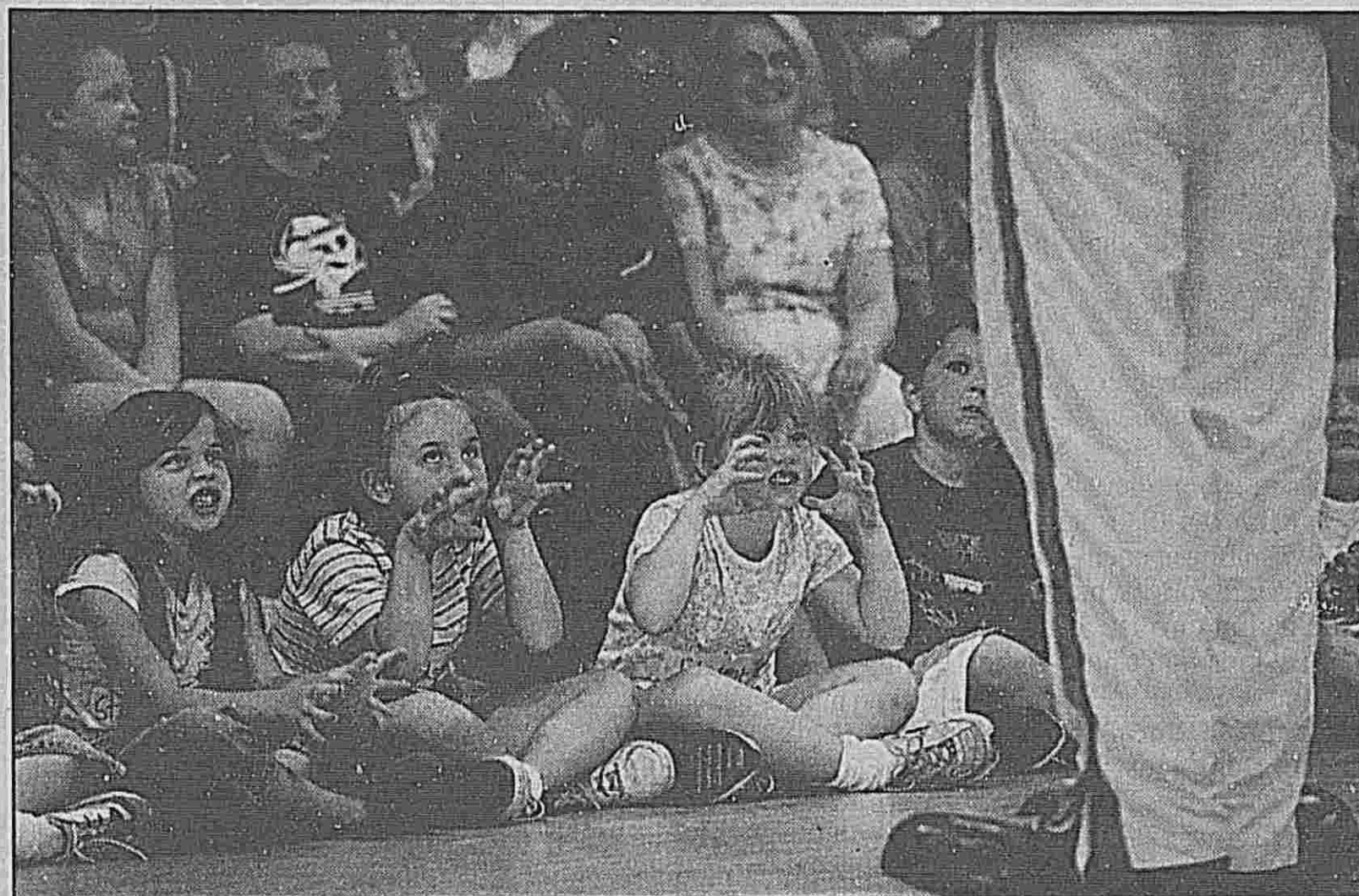
And Antioch will miss working with Molitor, a 17-year veteran of District 34, Thompson said.

"Molitor accomplished many things as assistant principal that have made AUGS a much better school," Thompson said. "The District 34 community will miss his presence and work."

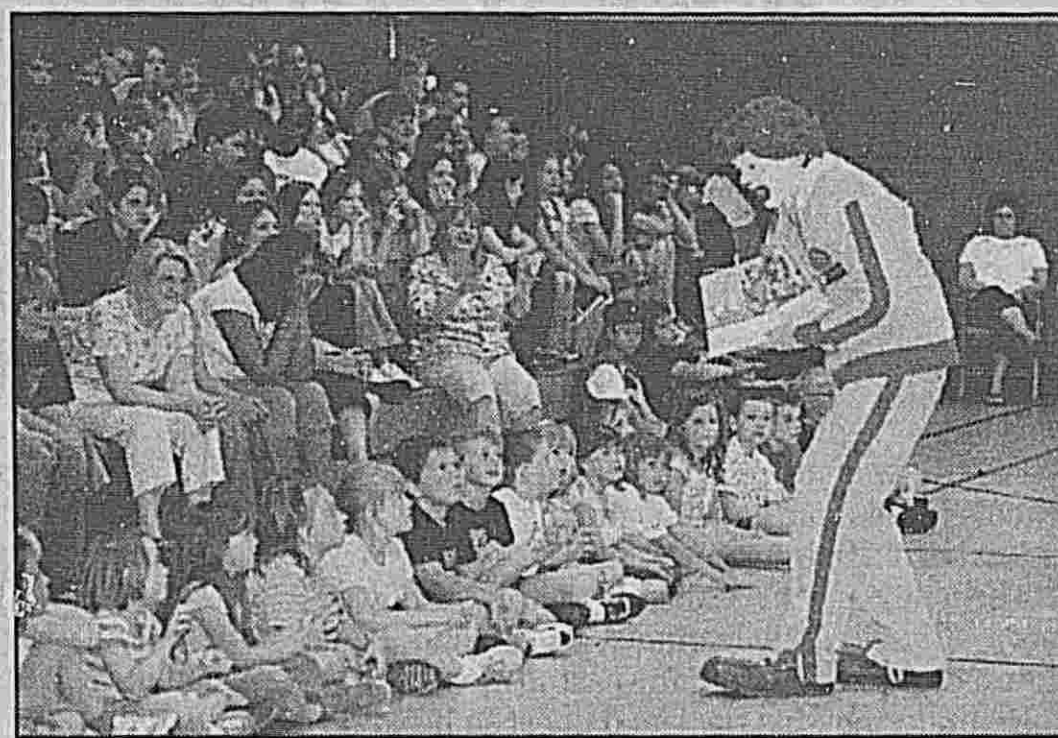
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Students at Grass Lake School, in Antioch, show their monster faces (left) during a reading of "Where the Wild Things Are," read by Ronald McDonald. The event was part of a reading incentive program at the school. Ronald reads the book to the crowd above.

Leaving with honors

By TARA CLIFTON

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LAKE VILLA - Mike Anderson's last day of school is July 1. But he won't come back at the end of the summer.

Anderson, School District 41 superintendent, is retiring after seven years of service as the district's head.

And he's going out with a bang. The Lake County Superintendents Association recently named Anderson Superintendent of the Year, an honor that both pleases and humbles him.

Many know Anderson as an administrator and educator, but some may not know his personal side. Via e-mail, Anderson revealed a glimpse of his past and what makes him tick.

• **Roots:** I was born in Danville and raised from the age of five in Chillicothe (just north of Peoria).

• **Current home:** Spring Grove

• **Family:** Wife of 36 years, Donna.



Mike Anderson
Retiring Dist. 41
Superintendent

• Kids:

- Jason, 33, Web site designer for General Electric, and wife, Lisa, live in Arlington Heights.

- Deidre, 29, guidance counselor at Morton High School, and husband Chris live in Peoria.

- Morgan, 25, research and design engineer for Oil Drilling Company in Dallas, and husband Dustin live in Frisco, Texas. Due with our first grandbaby in mid-June.

- Doug, 23, computer business analyst for Allstate Insurance Corporate Offices, and fiancée Nancy live in Buffalo Grove.

• **Hobbies:** Golf, wood working, and doing stuff with the family.

• **Do you love mornings or hate them?** I'm not sure I would call it "love mornings," but I would rather get up and moving than stay in bed.

• **Coffee, cappuccino or tea?** Coffee black

• **What's the best vacation you ever had?** The family reunion vacations with the whole family.

• **What's the best vacation you would like to have?** Take over a whole resort (a golf resort of

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Kicks to fight cancer

By KATHY GRESEY
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GRAYSLAKE – You could tell it made him so happy.

When 12-year-old Matt Micucci stepped up to kick a field goal at Grayslake Central High School two Fridays ago, he just kept smiling.

Central was just one of 16 Lake County high schools that Micucci visited during his day-long endeavor to "Kick Against Cancer."

The Lake Zurich resident lost three grandparents – Chuck and Jeanne Micucci and Paul Myhre – to cancer within the past 18 months.

He undertook his field goal quest so he could raise money for the American Cancer Society.

"It's all for my grandparents," he said. "They just loved to come and watch my sisters and I play sports."

Matt and his father, Dan, began "Kick Against

Cancer" on May 26 at Lake Zurich High School. Central was the eighth school they had visited that day.

Matt also kicked field goals at Barrington, Wauconda, Grant, Lakes, Zion-Benton, Warren, Mundelein, Carmel, Lake Forest, North Chicago, Stevenson, Vernon Hills and Libertyville high schools as well as Lake Forest Academy.

Dan said he and his son spent about 10 minutes at each school; Matt kicked his field goals from either the 20- or 25-yard line at each.

"He just loves to kick," Dan said. "What better way to do it? He is just trying to raise as much money as he can so other kids don't have to go through this."

"It's a great thing for him," Central associate principal Patrick Betancur said. "I just think this was a great opportunity."

Through "Kick Against Cancer," Matt raised \$1,500.

United in D.C.

AUGS kids to lay wreath on Tomb of Unknown Soldier

By TARA CLIFTON
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ANTIOCH – This will be Wes Owens' 20th year taking Antioch Upper Grade School eighth graders to Washington, D.C. But this time around, the trip will be even more special.

Alex Boch, Robert Nogle, Jessie David and Caitlin Mrowiec will participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

Owens, a seventh-grade teacher at the middle school, chose the four based on their outstanding character, he said.

The ceremony will be under the direction of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Presidential Honor Guard. With thousands watching, the teens will be escorted by

a soldier to the tomb, and lay a wreath that bears Antioch Upper Grade's name, Owens said.

The group of 88 students and five teachers will leave for the nation's capital June 16 and return June 19, Owens said. Their weekend will be packed with seeing all the major monuments, visiting Jamestown, touring the Washington National Cathedral, and more.

Washington, D.C., holds a special place for Owens, he said. As a young adult he served as a soldier there for three years.

"For me to take the kids back is very special for me," Owens said.

And he is especially excited to experience the wreath-laying ceremony.

"They're honorable kids who will make us proud," he said.

Superintendent retiring

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course) with friends and family.

• **If you had a million dollars, what would you do with it?** Share it with my family. While I was going to graduate school they all (especially my wife) gave up a lot of things. Then with the career moves, they had to move, too, just for me. So I owe them and they are more than welcome to it.

• **Favorite type of music or bands?** Just about everything but rap. I just don't get it.

• **Career:** English teacher; football, basketball and track coach; guidance counselor; assistant principal; principal; director of personnel and public relations; assistant superintendent; superintendent.

• **Did you major in education in college or something completely different, like botany, for example?** Majored in English, but minored in Education. That's how you did it back then.

Masters in Guidance, Masters in Administration, Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction.

• **Did you always know you wanted to be an educator?** When I was a senior in high school, the Future Teachers group set up student teaching experiences in the local grade school. I taught eighth grade. After that day, I was hooked. I couldn't wait to finish college and do the real thing.

• **What do you love about teaching? About working with kids?** The best part about teaching (and you won't get this part if you don't teach) is watching the light bulbs go on over the students' heads after you finish a lesson and they try it on their own. It still makes the hair stand up on the back of my neck when it happens.

• **Retirement plans:** I have a few different offers and will do something for sure. It could be teaching graduate school, supervising student teachers, consulting and perhaps an interim superintendency will come along. I don't know if I could ever just stop.

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Independence Day celebration

Preparations are underway for Antioch's Independence Day Celebration on July 4.

The Run for Freedom starts at 8 a.m., the parade begins at 10 a.m., and fun and games will follow at Williams Park.

If you would like to participate in the many activities planned or want more information, contact the village hall at (847) 395-1000.

Rummage sales

St. Peter Parish and St. Ignatius Episcopal Church are having rummage and bake sales to support their ministries.

St. Peter's sale will take place from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on June 22, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on June 23 and 24, and from noon to 4 p.m. on June 25. An auction will be held at noon on June 24.

Donations will be taken from June 12 to 19.

For more information, contact Melissa Rapp at (847) 395-7712.

• St. Ignatius' rummage and bake sale will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., from June 22 to 24, at the church, on the corner of Deep Lake Road and Depot Street.

For more information, contact Joyce Kiyohara at (847) 838-9323.

Stock shelves

The Open Arms Mission thanks community members for helping with its Letter Carriers Food Drive in May. Because of residents' efforts, over 500 people received help.

The mission still needs support, however. Food, supplies and cash donations always are needed, as well as volunteer positions such as delivery drivers.

Call the mission at (847) 395-0309 for more information.

Safety luncheon

The police, fire and rescue departments will join the Chamber of Commerce for a public safety luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on June 27 at Johnny's Chop House, located on Route 83, south of Route 173. Department heads will give an update on how they are addressing the community's needs.

The cost is \$10 per person. Register with the Chamber by June 20 by calling (847) 395-2233.

Craft fair

Antioch is holding its annual Arts and Crafts Faire on Skidmore Drive. Various artworks will be on display and up for sale.

The fair runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 17, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 18.

Call the village hall at (847) 395-1000 for more information.

Pancake breakfast

The Antioch Fire Department will host its annual pancake breakfast from 7 a.m. until noon on June 25 at Fire Station 1, 835 Holbek Drive.

Residents can enjoy pancakes and sausage patties as well as a raffle with prizes. The department's oldest fire truck, from 1932, will be on display as well as its newest from 2005.

For more information, contact the fire department at (847) 395-1018.

Car seat check

As part of its annual pancake breakfast, the Antioch Fire Department will host a car seat safety check from 9 a.m. to noon on June 25 in front of the Public Works building on Depot Street.

Bible School

Christian Life Fellowship will host "The Hope Ship," its vacation Bible school.

Joel and Gail VanBriggle of "Whole in One" ministries will lead the classes. The theme will be "Having Jesus as Your Captain," and will include stories, magic tricks, songs, prizes and more.

The program will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m., from June 12 to 15 at the church, 41625 N. Deep Lake Road, across the street from Wal-Mart. The school is for kids, age 5 to sixth grade. Admission is free.

Call (847) 395-8572 to register.

Summer worship

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Antioch will hold Monday evening services again this summer.

The first summer service will begin at 7 p.m. on June 5 at the Antioch/Lake Villa Township Hall, 1625 Deep Lake Road. When the new church is finished, services will be held at 1501 Deep Lake Road.

The Monday meetings will run through August.

For more information, contact Pastor Darald Gruen at (847) 395-9400.

Garden walk

Tickets are on sale for the Antioch Garden Club's 11th Annual Garden Walk.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, and will feature eight Antioch gardens. Tickets cost \$15. Raffle tickets can be bought during the walk for \$1, or six for \$5. Proceeds will fund a scholarship and help plant four public gardens in Antioch.

For more information, call Kathy Cirone at (847) 395-0628 or Kristie Steffensen at (847) 838-9538.

Golf afternoon

The Sixth Annual Sheriff Gary Del Re Golf Outing will be held Wednesday, June 21, at the Antioch Golf Club, 40150 N. Route 59.

Registration and lunch start at 11:30 a.m. A shotgun golf start will be at 1 p.m., and hospitality, dinner and prizes will be presented at 6 p.m.

For prices, dinner choices, game choices and more information, call (847) 625-9800.

Brush pickup

Village workers will pick up curbside brush piles now through

School news

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Summer school signup

Students can sign up for summer school classes, which will be held at Antioch Community High School. At the last district board meeting, Superintendent Jay Sabatino said summer school will be for only remedial students this year.

Summer classes will be held from June 13 to July 21. Contact Wilbur Borrero at (847) 838-7622 for more information.

Driver's education classes will be held at ACHS and Lakes

Community High School, with students attending at their home campus.

The registration deadline for both driving instruction and summer school is June 12.

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Summer school starts

District summer school will be held at Antioch Upper Grade School, 800 Highview Drive. The first session will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon, June 12 to 29.

Session 2 will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon, July 31 to Aug. 10.

For class information and tuition fees, call (847) 838-8374.

October.

Brush must be piled at the curb by 7 a.m. and will be picked up the second Monday of each month. No return trips will be made.

Piles should be stacked with the butt end facing the road and should be no larger than four inches in diameter.

Wood chips can be picked up at the Saw Mill Parking area.

Residents can also call public works at (847) 395-1881 to have a

truckload of wood chips delivered.

Vehicle stickers

Drivers can pick up applications for vehicle stickers at the village hall from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Sticker's cost \$10 for cars, trucks and motorcycles. Senior citizens 65 and older pay \$1.

For more information, call the village hall at (847) 395-1000.



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SHARE food program branching out

By HELEN MANSFIELD

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ROUND LAKE – Everyone likes to save money on daily necessities like groceries, but finding convenient ways to get those deals often aren't worth the effort. Wholesale clubs are nice, but most require a yearly membership fee. They're crowded with customers and items generally need to be bought in bulk.

Looking for cheap eats?

- In Round Lake, call local SHARE volunteer leader Ruthann Ruggles at (847) 740-0079

- In North Chicago, (847) 623-3246;

- In Waukegan, (847) 244-2100;

- In Wadsworth, (847) 395-3035;

- Or, visit SHARE's Web site at www.sharewi.org

The SHARE food program is expanding its coverage

area in Round Lake, giving local residents the opportunity to save 30 to 50 percent on groceries without all of the work. Ben LeFort, communication coordinator with SHARE in Butler, Wis., said the group has been in southeast Wisconsin for nearly 20 years.

In the past 10 years, SHARE

has been widening its base in communities like Round Lake, North Chicago, Wadsworth and Waukegan.

Anyone can get food from SHARE, regardless of income, and there is no cost to belong. The all-volunteer Round Lake SHARE team always is looking for residents to become a part of the SHARE family as both member and volunteer.

"You have to like eating," LeFort said. "There are no eligibility requirements; you eat, you qualify."

SHARE is a non-profit, volunteer-run, food-buying club that offers savings between 30 to 50 percent off grocery store prices. LeFort said SHARE can offer such savings because of its volunteer network.

Every month, more than 200 SHARE volunteer teams in northern Illinois, Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan help distribute the food that SHARE buys in bulk to more than 20,000 members.

This month, participants can buy a meat assortment just in time for the July 4 holiday. The "hog wild grill pack" consists of three, 6-ounce, center-cut boneless pork chops; a pork tenderloin and a rack of St. Louis-style pork spare ribs. The total weight is about 6 pounds for \$16.

If you're a "wing man," or woman, a party-size box of ready-to-cook chicken wings, coated with a mildly seasoned breading, is \$17 for 10 pounds.

LeFort said one of the best values is getting the traditional package. It runs about \$18 and includes frozen meat, produce and a pound cake. If purchased in a store, the package would cost about \$35.

Ruthann Ruggles, Round Lake SHARE volunteer leader, said she and her husband, Bob, participated in the program before they became volunteers four months ago.

"The food doesn't come in large quantities, unless you

want to get large quantities," Ruggles said. "But the traditional package is nice and it's enough for two people for almost a week."

Ruggles estimated she has between 20 to 30 seniors participating in the Round Lake Area program and has only five volunteers.

Since she got involved with the program, Ruggles has found that SHARE is perfect for seniors. She has noticed that seniors get their Social Security checks at the beginning of the month and they're often out by the end of the month. The SHARE packages arrive at the end of the month and Ruggles

said it's usually enough to get people through until the first of the next month.

"Anyone can use it, rich or poor," Ruggles said.

While there are no volunteer requirements to buy food through SHARE, members are encouraged to volunteer either with the local SHARE food distribution team or elsewhere within their community. SHARE's mission is to bring people together to build and strengthen community through volunteer service.

"People should give it a try," LeFort said of the program. "Residents will get good food and meet their neighbors."

Fire dept. reminds residents to stay safe this summer

ANTIOCH – Warm temperatures and sunshine are bringing people out of their houses to swim, bike, rollerblade and participate in other summer activities.

The Antioch Fire Department, however, reminds residents to keep safety tips in mind to prevent accidents and injuries.

When swimming in pools or lakes, adults should always watch children closely. Gates or doors to the pool area should be locked when no one is in the water. Rules such as no running, pushing or dunking should be posted and enforced. Floaties, kickboards and other similar devices should not be relied upon as safety tools.

Out of the water, bicyclists, rollerbladers and skateboarders need to make sure they wear proper safety gear.

Helmets should fit comfortably and be parallel to the ground, rather than tilted backward on the head. Straps should be snug, but loose enough to fit one finger underneath.

Elbow and kneepads also should be worn and fit securely.

Adult supervision of children always is needed.

When riding or skating in the streets, proper hand signals should be used when turning or stopping. Always be on the lookout for vehicles, pedestrians and other bicyclists or skaters.

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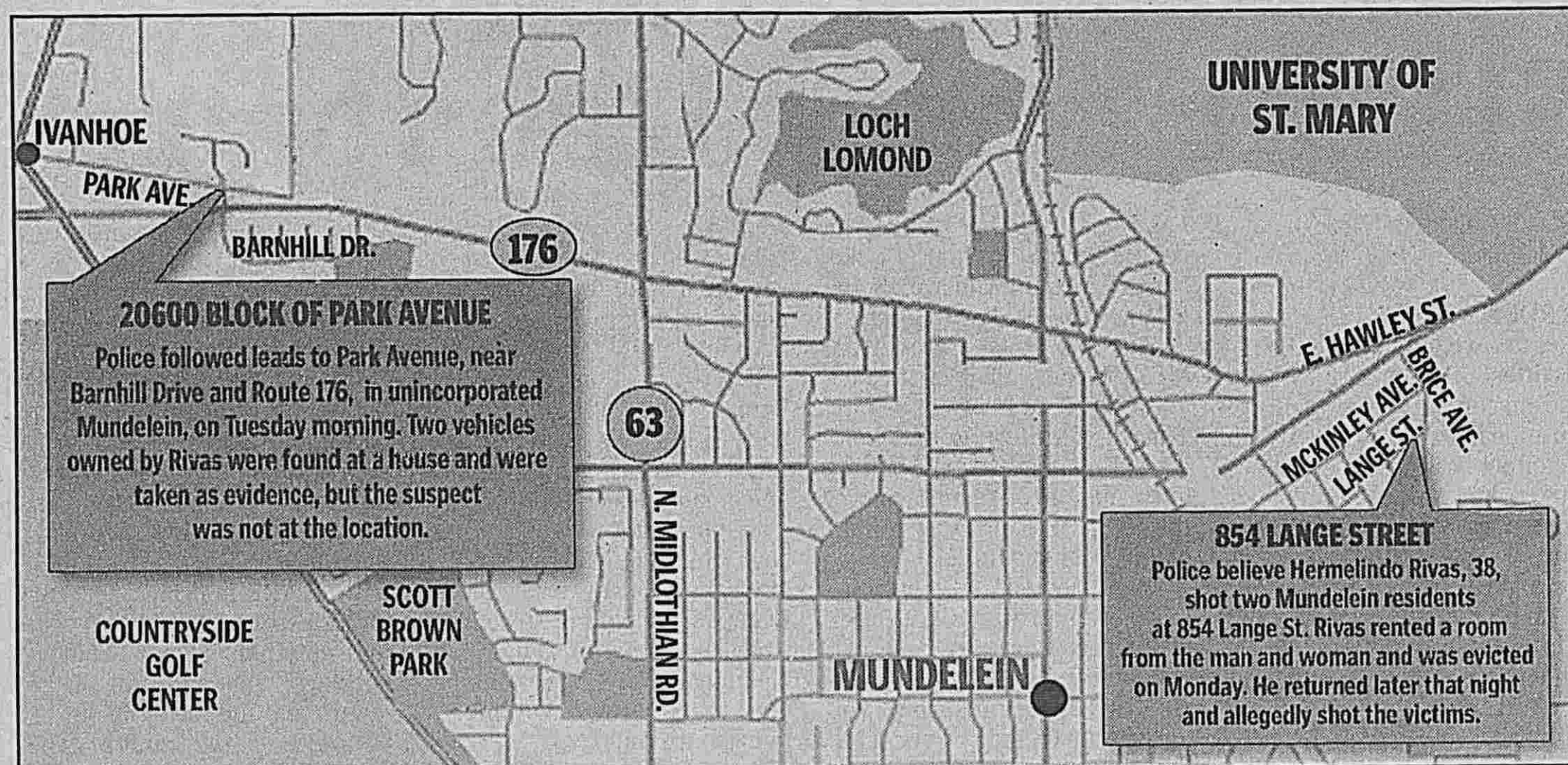
11:40 p.m. Police found him caring for Santos on the floor in a back family room of the one-story house. He was released after treatment at Condell



Hermelindo Ribas

Medical Center in Libertyville.

Santos underwent surgery on Tuesday morning and was in the intensive care unit in guarded condition that day with a collapsed lung, Rose said. Her 8-year-old son witnessed the shooting but was not hurt, Rose said. On Tuesday, the boy was being cared for by a family friend.



Early on June 6, police traced two of Rivas' vehicles to a house in the 20600 block of Park Avenue in the Fairhaven subdivision near Route 176 and Barnhill Drive. About 75 officers from the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System-Emergency Services Team joined nine Mundelein police officers and the Lake County Sheriff's Department.

Police evacuated and searched three houses but did not find the suspect. They removed two vehicles owned by Rivas from the location.

The investigation, in cooperation with the U.S. Marshal's Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force, led officers to believe Rivas was traveling toward southern California to stay with a relative.

Inspector Tim Weber of the U.S. Marshal's Office said authorities alerted western states. Later intelligence, which police would not identify, led them to believe Rivas was traveling in an Isuzu sport utility vehicle, which he owned, along Interstate 80 in Nebraska.

Nebraska State Troopers were notified and a police airplane spotted the vehicle on the interstate about seven miles west of Alda, Neb., about 630 miles from Mundelein, about 3:30 central time on June 6.

Spikes were used to stop Rivas' vehicle. Four state troopers followed him for several miles after he drove over the spikes until the car was unable to travel further.

According to Nebraska authorities, Rivas did not cooperate when told to get out of his car. Eventually, police said, Rivas grabbed a handgun, left his car, and began shooting at

Nebraska State Troopers. The troopers returned fire and fatally wounded Rivas, who appeared intoxicated at the time, according to authorities. No troopers were hurt in the exchange.

Rose said Rivas had a Mexican driver's license with him when he was killed, but authorities do not know whether Rivas was an American citizen.

The Nebraska State Police have opened an investigation into the incident, and the officers from the Mundelein Police Department are continuing the local investigation.

Police said Rivas was at the Fairhaven subdivision in Mundelein before he allegedly shot his former landlords, but said they did not know where he went right after he left the house where the shooting occurred.

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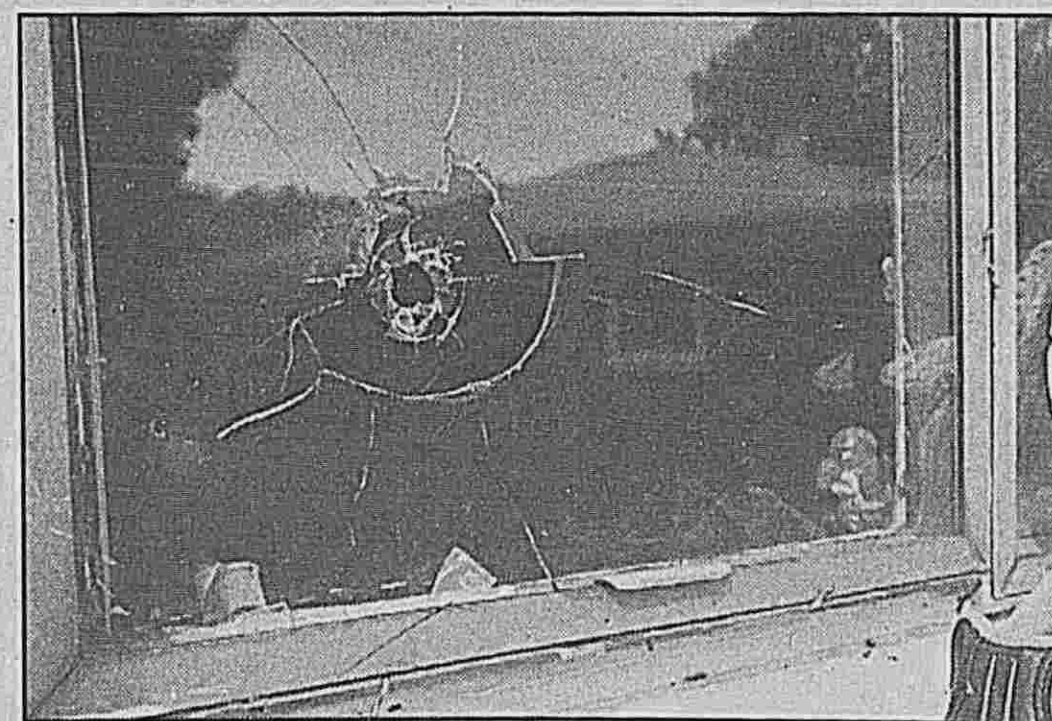
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A shooting left broken glass at 854 Lange St. in Mundelein, where two residents were allegedly shot by Hermelindo Rivas. The male victim was treated and released, and the female was in intensive care Tuesday.

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Outdoor Experience

Ice fishing in June

Being the veteran Parrothead that I am, the strains of Mister Buffet's "Boat Drinks" is wafting through my head as I write this.

The line that keeps reverberating in my head is "Twenty degrees and a hockey games on, nobody cares they are way too far gone. Screamin' boat drinks, something to keep em all warm."

The reason the song is haunting me is that I'm going to go in the exact opposite direction. It's June, it's in the '80s and headed for the '90s.

So, what else should we be talking about? Ice fishing, of course!!!

A pair of Illinoisans won the North American Ice Fishing



Steve Sarley

Championship last year. Lake in the Hills' Tony Boshold (who goes by "Luke Icewalker") and Lombard's Mike McNett are as good as it gets when it comes to angling through holes in frozen water.

The duo contacted me to let me know that they have received some exciting news. They have been selected to be part of a group of great American Ice anglers and the plans are in motion for them to attend and compete in the World Ice Fishing Competitions this December in China. The coach for the USA team is Hall of Fame angler and teacher, Mick Thill.

The USA has not been represented at the Championships for many years and Boshold, McNett and company want their shot at some medals. They are receiving a lot of encouraging support for this effort and the team is in need of some financial backing and support for travel costs.

The fundraising begins with the staging of some benefit tourneys in southern Wisconsin at Delevan Lake. The kickoff event is being held on June 11. Both boat-ing and shore fishing opportu-

nities will exist for the tournament. This will be a very social event as well as friendly competition, with a "meet the pros" session to be an event highlight.

Boshold and McNett will also donate the new Clam Corp "Pro" shanties they won as part of the prize package at the North American Ice Fishing Championships at the tournament. More raffle items are needed and any hats, shirts, gear, gift certificates that the public can provide will make the raffle even more exciting.

As far as the tournament itself, in order to sign up or pre-register, call "Zew Natyry" at (847) 923-0062 and leave your name and phone number and on-site registration the day of the event begins at 6:30 a.m.

There is a fee of \$35 per fisherman. Boats, featuring teams of two anglers each, will fish from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The bank fishing portion of the tournament runs from 8 a.m. to noon. Awards and prizes to the participants will immediately follow the tourney. Food will be available at the tournament for a nominal charge. A small seminar and question and answer period with the pros will follow the awards presentations.

Cash contributions will be graciously accepted and an official not for profit USA Ice Team account has been set up for accepting tax-free contributions.

To make a contribution or for more information, call Tony Boshold at (630) 965-6682 or e-mail him at tony.boshold@sbcglobal.net or Mike McNett at (630) 627-3333 or e-mail him at otis_mcnett@hotmail.com.

The boys said they are grateful for any help anyone can provide in order to make it out to China for the competition.

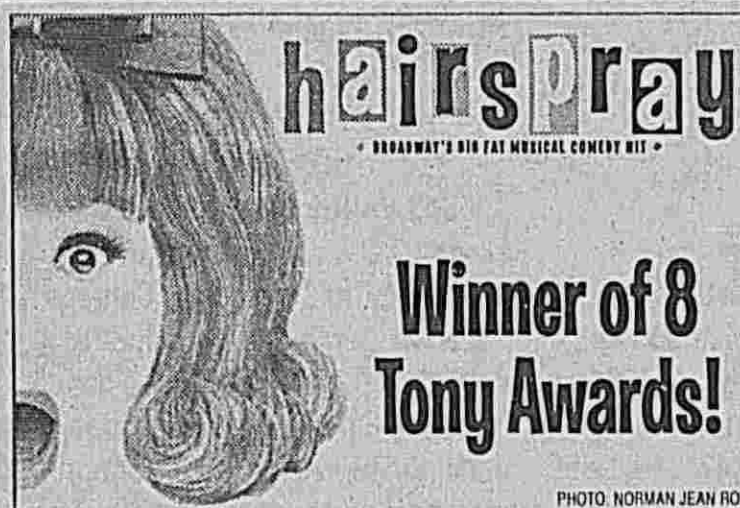
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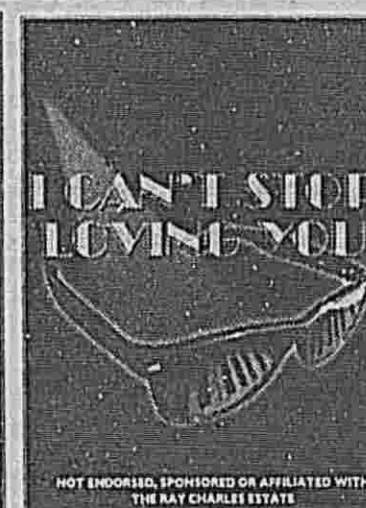
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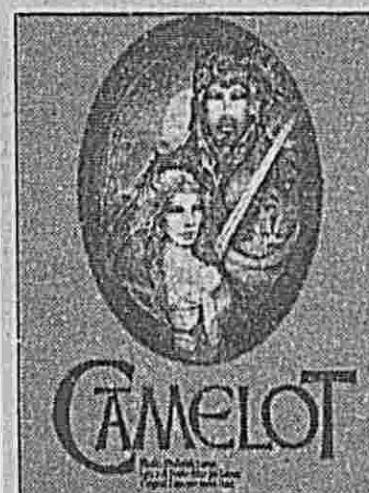
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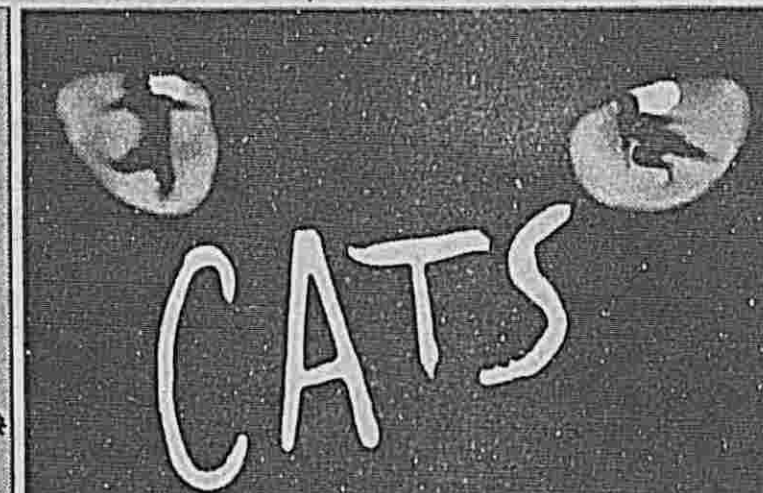
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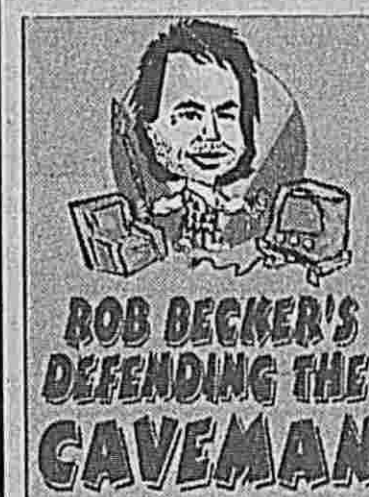
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ANTIOCH

• **Starting Over Single support group meeting.** 7 p.m., Monday, June 12. St. Peters Church, 557 Lake St., lower level. Support group from widowed, separated or divorced members. For more information, call (847) 395-3024 or (847) 740-0417.

• **Antioch Community High School Board meeting.** 7:30 p.m., third Thursdays.

• **Grass Lake District 36 School Board meeting.** 7 p.m., second Tuesdays.

• **American Business Women's Association meeting.** 8 a.m., second Wednesdays. Keller Williams Realty on Rt. 83 (south of Rt. 173). Call Nancy at (847) 838-6500 for information.

• **Bingo.** 12:45 p.m., Mondays. The Senior Center. Call (847) 395-0139 for details.

• **Bingo.** 6:45 p.m., Tuesdays, Antioch VFW. Doors open 4:30 p.m. Call (847) 395-5393 for more information.

• **Pinochle.** 12:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays. The Senior Center. Call (847) 395-0139 for details.

• **A Safe Place support group meeting.** Mondays. For women who are dealing with abuse in their homes. All are welcome. No fees. Call A Safe Place at (847) 249-4450 or (847) 249-6557 (TTY) or go to asafeplaceforhelp.org for more information.

• **CPR classes.** 6 p.m., second and fourth Wednesdays. Squad Building, 835 Holbek Drive, sponsored by Antioch Rescue Squad. \$5 fee. Call (847) 395-5511 to learn more.

• **Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting. The Senior Center, 817 Holbek Drive. Call Dorothy Stark at (847) 395-7407 or Betty Muller at (847) 838-3907 for more information.

• **Kiwanis Club of Antioch meeting.** Noon, Tuesdays. Bacchus Restaurant. The public is welcome to join and share experience, knowledge and service project ideas. Call Melissa at (847) 489-8044 or e-mail at mjrigoni@hotmail.com for more information.

• **AARP Chapter 387 (for adults 55+) meeting.** 1 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays. The Senior Center, 817 Holbek Dr. Call Sharon Nowak at (847) 395-5068 to learn more.

• **Lake County Spinner's Guild meeting.** 10 a.m., third Thursdays. Call Chris at (847) 840-6464 for details.

• **Lakes Area Community Band rehearsal.** 7-9 p.m., Mondays. Antioch Community High School band room. Area musicians high school age and older are welcome to join. No auditions. Call Debbie Davis at (847)

395-0272 to learn more.

• **Open gym.** 7-9 p.m., Sundays. Antioch Community High School. \$2. Adults only.

CRYSTAL LAKE

• **Crystal Lake Toastmasters Club meeting.** 8-10 a.m., first and third Saturdays at Amcore Bank Building, Rt. 14 and Pingree Rd. Develop your presentation/leadership skills. For information, call Steve at (847) 526-1525 or visit <http://user.mc.net/~toast1>.

FOX LAKE

• **Exhibitors and crafters needed** for Fifth Annual Rummage Sale and Craft Show. July 13-16. Grass Lake School. For more information, call Sharon Goebel at (847) 707-0856 or (847) 395-1550, ext. 22. Application available online at www.grasslake.lake.k12.il.us under "PTO." Donations accepted through June 13 and June 26-July 10.

GRAYSLAKE

• **Lake County Area Computer Enthusiasts meeting, "Ask the Gurus."** 12:30-3 p.m., Saturday, June 10. Grayslake Area Public Library, 100 Library Lane. A question and answer session open to all computer users. This forum allows participants to have many questions answered by knowledgeable members. For more information about these and future LCACE programs, visit <http://www.lcace.org>.

• **Zurko's International Antique Market.** 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, June 11. Lake County Fairgrounds. For more information, call (715) 526-9769 or visit www.zurkoantiquetours.com.

GURNEE

• **Lake County Spinner's Guild meeting.** 1:30-4 p.m., third Thursdays. At a private home. Enjoy the art of fiber spinning and meet fellow spinners. Call Carol at (847) 234-0778 or Chris at (847) 367-2536 to learn more.

• **Lake County Gem and Mineral Society meeting.** 7 p.m., third Tuesdays. Warren-Newport Public Library, 224 N. O'Plaine Road. For more information, call Rachel Schreiner at (847) 973-1808.

INGLESIDE

• **Grant Township Board meeting.** 7 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. Administration Center, 26725 W. Molitor Road. Call (847) 740-2233 to learn more.

• **Fox Lake/Round Lake Area Rotary meeting.** Noon, Fridays at Za's, 69 Washington.

• **Grant Hall Museum.** 1-4 p.m., Sundays. Fox Lake-Grant Township

Area Historical Society, 411 Washington St. Admission free, donations accepted. For information, call (847) 587-0544 or mail P.O. Box 224, Ingleside, IL 60041.

• **Lake County Astronomical Society meeting.** 8:30-10 p.m., third Fridays. Volo Bog State Natural Area. Meeting followed by a 9:30 p.m. viewing period. For information, call (815) 344-1294 or visit www.lcas-astronomy.org.

JOHNSBURG

• **Fox Valley Chapter's "Isle of Dance."** 8-11:30 p.m., Saturday, June 17. Johnsburg Community Center, 2315 W. Church St. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. There will be a free dance lesson at 8 p.m., followed by open dancing. Admission is \$10 for non-members and \$7 for members, which includes refreshments and door prizes. For more information, call Jackie at (847) 639-8699 or Walt at (815) 337-6860 or visit www.dance-foxvalley.org.

LAKE VILLA

• **Arts & Crafts Show.** June 10-11. Lehmann Park during Celebration of Summer. For more information, call Betty Burns at (847) 356-1076.

• **Prince of Peace Rummage Sale.** 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Thursday and Friday; 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, June 15-17. Prince of Peace Parish, corner of Rt. 132 and 83. Antiques, collectibles, appliances, furniture and more. Now accepting donations. For information, call (847) 356-6111, ext. 509.

• **Lake Villa Village Board meeting.** 8 p.m., second Wednesdays

• **Lake Villa District Library Board meeting.** 7 p.m., second Mondays. 1001 E. Grand Ave.

• **Lake Villa Township Board meeting.** 7:30 p.m., second Tuesdays. Township offices, 37908 N. Fairfield Road. Call (847) 356-2383.

• **Weigh to Win meeting.** 7-8 p.m., Tuesdays. Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Road. Call (847) 356-6181 to learn more.

• **Lake Villa Take off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays. Church of the Holy Family, 25291 W. Lehman. Call Cathy at (847) 587-7710 or Debbie at (847) 687-5531 for details.

• **MOMS Club of Lake Villa/Lindenhurst meeting.** 9:30 a.m., Mondays. Lake Villa District Library, 1001 Grand Ave. Children welcome. For more information, call Erin Bearss at (847) 546-1545.

LAKE ZURICH

• **Lake Zurich Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 5 p.m., Wednesdays. St. Matthew Lutheran

Church, 24500 N. Old McHenry Road. Lose weight with group support. Call (847) 550-6415 for details.

• **The Village Singers rehearsal.** 7:30 p.m., Mondays. Good Shepherd Bible Church, 330 S. Old Rand Road. The Village Singers of Lake Zurich are a non-audition community mixed choir. Call Jeannine Saltman at (847) 726-2011 to learn more.

• **Writers' Support Group.** 9:30-11 a.m., second Mondays. Elia Area Public Library, 275 Mohawk Trail. This group offers networking opportunities for aspiring writers of all levels. Visit www.eapl.org for meeting topics.

• **Multiple Choice-Mothers of Multiples Club meeting.** 7 p.m., second Wednesdays. Meetings are held in members' homes. All mothers or expectant mothers of multiple are welcome. For more information, call Alyssa at (847) 870-0867.

LIBERTYVILLE

• **Lake County Retired Teachers monthly luncheon.** 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, June 13. Lambs Farm, Rt. 176 and I-94. Stuart Hunt presents "The Force: The Devil's Brigade," part of the history of WWII. Cost is \$12 and reservations not required. Current and retired teachers and their guests are welcome. For more information, call Jodie Stewart at (847) 433-1783.

LINDENHURST

• **Lindenhurst Village Board meeting.** 7 p.m., second and fourth Mondays. Village Hall Boardroom. Call (847) 356-8252 for more information.

• **Lindenhurst Community Partnership meeting.** 7 p.m., second Wednesdays. Village Hall.

• **Free blood pressure screening.** 8 a.m.-noon, Mondays. Victory Lakes Continued Care Center. Call (847) 356-5900 to learn more.

• **VFW Post 4894 meeting.** 8 p.m., second Wednesdays. Civic Center. Call (847) 356-7482 for details.

• **Lake Villa Township Lions Club board meeting.** 7 p.m., second Tuesdays. State Bank of the Lakes.

• **Lindenhurst/Lakes Area Kiwanis Club meeting.** 7:30-8:30 a.m., first and third Thursdays. Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center. For information, call (847) 356-7912.

• **Men's Club of Lindenhurst (ages 21 and older) meeting.** Call (847) 356-5014 (weekends) to learn more.

MILLBURN

• **Millburn Chapter 570-Order of Eastern Star meeting.** 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 13. Millburn Masonic Temple, 38710 Hwy. 45. All members in good standing are welcome to attend. Anyone interested in learning

more about the Order of the Eastern Star membership or charitable work should contact Clarissa Mellen at (847) 244-3698.

• **Lake County Doll Collectors meeting.** 1 p.m., third Saturdays. Millburn Congregational Church, Rt. 45 and Grass Lake Road. Call (847) 623-2072 for details.

ROUND LAKE BEACH

• **Round Lake Stitch 'n Bitch meeting.** 6:30 p.m., meets second and fourth Mondays. Round Lake Panera Bread, 254 E. Rollins Road, for knitters who want to meet other knitters regardless of skill level, to knit & chat. Contact Shawn Nelson (847) 293-2175 for more information.

ROUND LAKE PARK

• **Lake County Community Health Partnership Immunization Clinic.** 9-11 a.m., second Wednesdays. American Legion Hall, 111 E. Main St. Call (847) 377-8470 for details.

VERNON HILLS

• **A Safe Place 4th Annual Golf Outing.** Thursday, June 22. White Deer Run Golf Club, 250 W. Gregg's Parkway. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., with shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Reservations due by June 15. \$800 per foursome or \$225 per golfer includes buffet lunch, 18 holes with cart, dinner, prizes and gifts. For more information call Noelle Moore at (847) 249-5147. Registration forms available at www.asafeplaceforhelp.org.

ZION

• **Live video shoot for 38acres.** 5 p.m., Saturday, June 17. Fine Arts Auditorium, 2500 Dowie Memorial Drive. Free. An autographed guitar will also be given away. For details, visit www.38acres.com.

KENOSHA, WIS.

• **Bicycle Club of Lake County 25th Annual Ramble Bike Ride.** 6 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, June 11. Start from Kenosha County Fairgrounds in Wilmot, Wis., over 30, 50, 70 or 100-mile routes through small towns and farmlands in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. \$20 fee includes mechanic support, rest stops, sports massage and post-ride cookout. For more information, call (847) 604-0520, or visit www.bikeclub.com or www.active.com to register.

• *To submit an item to the Calendar, e-mail to wjcalendar@weeklyjournal.com, phone (847) 223-8161 or fax (847) 223-8810 at least 14 days before the event.*

NASCAR THIS WEEK

NEXTEL CUP SERIES

■ **Race:** Pocono 500
 ■ **Where:** Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, Pa. (2.5 miles), 200 laps/500 miles.
 ■ **When:** Sunday, June 11
 ■ **Last year's winner:** Carl Edwards
 ■ **Qualifying record:** Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 172.533 mph, June 11, 2004.
 ■ **Race record:** Rusty Wallace, Ford, 144.892 mph, July 21, 1996.
 ■ **Last week:** Matt Kenseth used to tell anyone who would listen that Dover was his favorite track. People would invariably wonder why. Leading up to his victory in the Neighborhood Excellence 400, Kenseth endured six races at Dover without ever finishing

better than seventh. He had been 22nd or worse in three of the previous four. The track wouldn't so much as blow him a kiss. The Ford driver's victory was characterized, at the end, by high drama. Kenseth roared past his Roush Racing teammate, Jamie McMurray, stalking him with cold precision and extending McMurray's streak to 125 races since his only victory. The pass, completed at the start-finish line, took place with only three of the 400 laps to go. "It's the kind of race that you dream about winning," Kenseth said. "Racing close down the stretch and taking the lead with just a few laps to go is what makes you want to race."

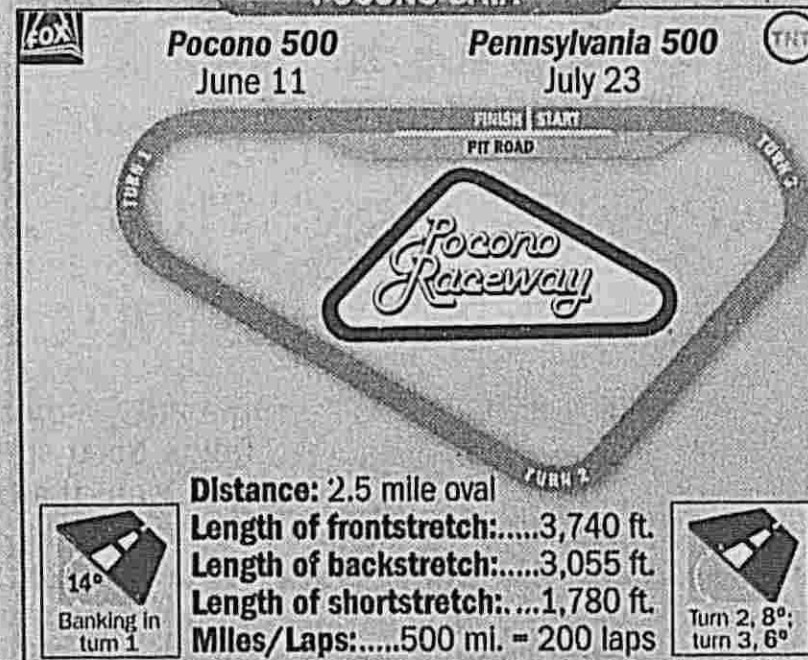
BUSCH SERIES

■ **Race:** Federated Auto Parts 300
 ■ **Where:** Nashville Superspeedway, Gladeville, Tenn. (1.333 miles), 225 laps/299.925 miles.
 ■ **When:** Saturday, June 10
 ■ **Last year's winner:** Clint Bowyer
 ■ **Qualifying record:** Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 166.515 mph, April 9, 2004.
 ■ **Race record:** Jack Sprague, Chevrolet, 125.244 mph, June 8, 2002.
 ■ **Last week:** Chevrolet driver Jeff Burton won the Stonebridgeracing.com 200 in Dover, Del.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK

■ **Race:** Sam's Town 400k
 ■ **Where:** Texas Motor Speedway, Justin (1.5 miles), 167 laps/250.5 miles.
 ■ **When:** Friday, June 9
 ■ **Last year's winner:** Jack Sprague
 ■ **Qualifying record:** Mike Skinner, Chevrolet, 182.902 mph, June 9, 2005.
 ■ **Race record:** Dennis Setzer, Chevrolet, 148.959 mph, June 11, 2004.
 ■ **Last week:** Ford driver Mark Martin won the AAA Insurance 200 in Dover, Del.

POCONO DATA



TOP 10 IN POINTS

NEXTEL CUP

1. Jimmie Johnson	2,011
2. Matt Kenseth	- 74
3. Mark Martin	- 216
4. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	- 282
5. Tony Stewart	- 293
6. Kasey Kahne	- 296
7. Jeff Burton	- 396
8. Kevin Harvick	- 420
9. Jeff Gordon	- 428
10. Kyle Busch	- 439

BUSCH SERIES

1. Kevin Harvick	2,221
2. Carl Edwards	- 297
3. Clint Bowyer	- 403
4. Denny Hamlin	- 428
5. Kyle Busch	- 477
6. J.J. Yeley	- 481
7. Greg Biffle	- 483
8. Paul Menard	- 589
9. Johnny Sauter	- 689
10. Jason Leffler	- 724

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

1. Todd Bodine	1,305
2. Ted Musgrave	- 76
3. David Reutimann	- 111
4. Johnny Benson	- 207
5. David Starr	- 227
6. Jack Sprague	- 232
7. Mike Bliss	- 252
8. Mark Martin	- 271
9. Matt Crafton	- 277
10. Dennis Setzer	- 280

► **Who's hot** — Matt Kenseth has finished sixth or better in six of his last seven races. ... Jamie McMurray led the most laps at Dover, only the second time he's done it in his career.

► **Who's not** — Neither Jeff Gordon nor Carl Edwards has won yet this year. They each won four races in 2005.



John Clark/NASCAR This Week
 Jamie McMurray's second-place finish in Dover was his second straight top-10.

WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT

FEUD OF THE WEEK



Robbie Reiser

Matt Kenseth

Robbie Reiser vs. Matt Kenseth

Not really. Reiser has been Kenseth's crew chief since the two were in the Busch Series, and the two Wisconsin natives have known each other since both were racing on short tracks. But Reiser wanted to change tires, and his driver, Kenseth, didn't late in the 400-miler at Dover. Kenseth won out and won the race. If he hadn't, Reiser said they might've been fighting in the transporter instead of chatting in the winner's press conference.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "Kenseth proved that sometimes what seems obvious on the track is correct, even if it doesn't jive with laptop simulations on pit road. He said he thought he was faster than the four cars in front of him. They all stayed on the track, so he did, too."

Temper tantrum in Charlotte costs Kyle Busch fifty grand

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

DOVER, Del. — A HANS Device is worth about \$1,000, but throwing one costs a lot more.

Kyle Busch, the temperamental 2005 Raybestos Rookie of the Year, threw one of the safety devices at a driver he blamed for a Coca-Cola 600 crash. The tantrum cost Busch a \$50,000 fine and resulted in a deduction of 25 points for Busch and owner Rick Hendrick.

NASCAR officials failed to divulge until May 30 the fact that Jeremy Mayfield's Dodge

flunked post-race inspection at Lowe's Motor Speedway after the Coca-Cola 600. Team manager Chris Andrews received a \$35,000 fine, and Mayfield and owner Ray Evernham each had to give up 25 points, as well.

Homecoming — Carl Edwards burst onto the NASCAR scene originally in the Craftsman Truck Series, and made his first start in that series since 2004 in the 200-miler at Dover. He drove Jack Roush's No. 50 Ford F-150 and finished second to teammate Mark Martin.

NUTS AND BOLTS

"I've been bugging Jack for months to let me run a race or two," said Edwards, who competed in both Cup and Busch at Dover. "I'm glad he finally caved in and let me do this deal."

Edwards has collected six victories in 58 career Truck Series starts. None was at Dover, but he won a pole here in 2004.

Left and right — The first Cup road race isn't until June 25 at Infineon Raceway in

Sonoma, Calif., but already the ringers are being lined up. Scott Pruett will take David Stremme's place in Chip Ganassi's No. 40 Dodge, with Stremme returning for the Pepsi 400 at Daytona, and PPI Motorsports has arranged for its regular driver, Travis Kvapil, to drive the No. 78 Chevrolet for that race, thus freeing the team to put Ron Fellows in its No. 32 at Sonoma.

In both cases, the motivating factor is undoubtedly a boost in the owner standings, which decided which teams (i.e., the top 35) get automatic spots in starting fields.

This and that — Tony Stewart, who was credited (through relief driver Ricky Rudd) with a 25th-place finish in Dover, swapped places with Dale Earnhardt Jr. in the points standings and fell to fifth, 293 behind leader Jimmie Johnson. ... Chevrolet leads the manufacturer standings with 95 points, followed by Ford with 81 and Dodge with 74. ... The victory was Kenseth's second of the season, first at Dover and 12th of his career, tying him with Ryan Newman for 48th place all-time.

What a ride!

Mundelein loses super sectional, but takes away historic season

By DANIEL J. PATRICK
dpatrick@nwnewsgroup.com

BARRINGTON — It was a story-book season for the Mundelein girls softball team, but like all tales, it must come to an end. In the case of the Mustangs, the end came quite unceremoniously as the Barrington Fillies pounded Mundelein 6-1 for the Barrington Super Sectional title.

However, before all of the trouble, the Mustangs had quite an interesting year, turning around a seemingly hopeless season season to win its first sectional title in nearly 10 seasons.

Earlier in the season, Mundelein was six games under .500 and had nowhere to go but up and winning the sectional taught coach Ted Juske's team just what perseverance can do.

Even during the run, senior Christine Scott had her emotions toyed with en route to the first sectional title since 1996.

"I was up and down because I'm

the only senior that plays on the field," Scott said. "All of our girls, they want it as bad as I do because we need this game. During the game, I thought, 'Oh my god, this is going to be my last game in this uniform,' and that was hard for me."

'Ott' to be in the Majors

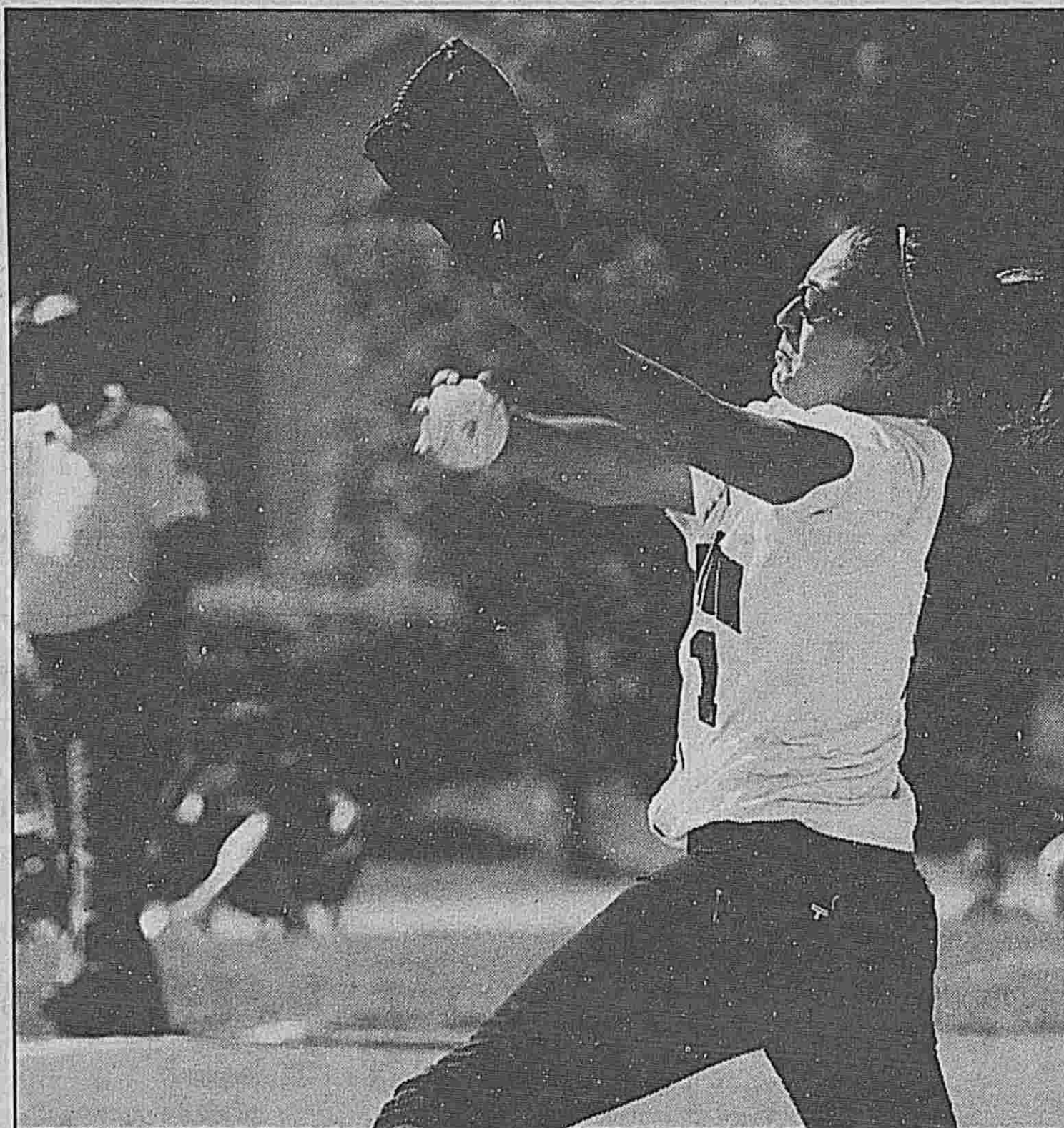
Mundelein pitcher Lauren Ott was spectacular throughout the tournament until she met up with the speedy offense of the Barrington Fillies. Prior to the season-ending game, Ott amassed 50 strikeouts in just four starts.

Fifty.

"Ott and our defense have been spectacular, I just wish we could hit a little better," Juske said. "[Ott]'s been absolutely fabulous. It wasn't just the strikeouts, it's her defense too and she can pitch location and keep us in the game."

Even in defeat while fighting control issues, she found her way

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Sandy Bressner - sbressner@nwnewsgroup.com

Mundelein pitcher Lauren Ott pitches a shutout against McHenry in the sectional championship at Warren Township High School in Gurnee. Mundelein beat the Warriors, 1-0, in 10 innings.

Rams still winners, despite season-ending loss to Elk Grove

By DANIEL J. PATRICK
dpatrick@nwnewsgroup.com

MUNDELEIN — When the curtains came down on Grayslake Central's super sectional matchup against Elk Grove, the Rams were on the wrong end of a 6-2 score. No matter, as coach Troy Whalen and his team had just wrapped up the most successful season in school history.

On the offensive end, Grayslake's Pat Garvey proved to be the catalyst behind Grayslake's run. At the end of the regular season, the senior catcher had three home runs. Now, looking back after the IHSA tourney and just five games, he has eight.

However, it was never about his own stats as much as it was about his team after the Mundelein Sectional Championship.

"This is unbelievable, to win the first sectional title in school history is just awesome," Garvey said. "I can't explain



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The Grayslake Central Rams celebrate after their sectional victory.

how it felt, it's just awesome."

Garvey and his fellow senior cohorts did not just earn the biggest baseball

title in school history, they were about to earn their diplomas as well. The Grayslake Central graduation was

scheduled no more than half an hour after the conclusion of the game.

Grayslake coach Troy Whalen attributed the deep tournament run to the playoff-esque atmosphere the Fox Valley Conference brought in the latter half of the season. That, coupled with a vicious starting rotation of Gerry Martinez and Steve Kugliowski led the Rams to their best finish in school history.

"The word jubilation isn't a good enough word to describe it," Whalen said. "We've outscored our opponents 28-6, our defense has been solid and we've been easily winning games."

Mustangs reigned in

While the Rams were simultaneously celebrating the outgoing seniors' final day as a high school student and the program's first day as a sectional champion, the host Mustangs were

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GETAWAY GIVEAWAY

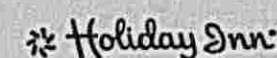
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NSC All-Conference Boys Volleyball Team

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Dan Priest

Mundelein
Warren Lentz
Ryan Sullivan

Vernon Hills
Bob Coy
Scott Golden
David Issacson

Warren
Mike Emerick
Eric Gustafson
Kyle Pearson

Honorable Mention

Antioch - Sam Potkonjak

Lakes - Kevin Molloy

Libertyville - Elliot San

Mundelein - Keith Motycka

Vernon Hills - Alex Blizniak

Mundelein won its fair share of nail-biting affairs

• RIDE

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to the the 'K' column, notching six against the Fillies. Despite the lack of run support, Ott works by simply playing her game and letting the score take care of itself.

"You can't really worry about the score, you just have to play your game," Ott said. "But if they do get a hit, I don't have to worry, because I've got such a great defense."

Winnin' ugly

Juske compared Mundelein's championship run to the Chicago White Sox teams of old. Taking the sectional with a steady stream of 1-0 wins has been nerve-racking for the coach, but a win is a win, any way you slice it.

"Our regional games before really prepared us for these sorts of games," senior Christine Scott said. "We usually won 1-0 in every game we played for the last five games. This is a tough season, because all

we're getting is that one run we need and winning by that."

It's not just the way the team got to the Super Sectional that has been a surprise for the veteran coach, it's been the way the team has rebounded from a difficult start for the season.

With a loss to Stevenson April 18, Mundelein dropped to its lowest point with a 6-12-1 overall record - a mark far away from any inkling of a sectional championship.

"The turnaround that the girls have done is really amazing," Juske said. "It has been the defense ... Now I look at all these games and it's just a question of who's going to step up, so it's been great for us."

With the 2006 campaign now a memory, there's one thing that Juske will definitely working on: offense.

"We've just got to score more runs, that's our one big weakness," Juske said. "That's going to be something we're definitely going to be working on all summer long."

NSC All-Conference Softball Team

Prairie Division

Antioch Sequoits
Lindsay Callanan
April Mysliwiec
Jill Norwick
Sarah Stangel

Grant Bulldogs
Kristi Durlak
Ashley Haselow
Kariann Hill
Lauren Liles

Lakes Eagles
Jamie Braden
Claire Seaver

Round Lake Panthers
Daisy Carrera

Wauconda Bulldogs
Katie Born
Amanda Nance

Lake Division

Libertyville Wildcats
Gina DeMarco

Mundelein Mustangs
Erica Harris
Lauren Ott

Katie Randau
Christine Scott

Warren Blue Devils
Marissa Bell
Brittany Jones
Carley Karwoski

Honorable Mention
Antioch - Candice Schmidt

Grant - Stephanie DeLucca,
Ashley Precht

Lakes - Madeline Riordan

Libertyville - Katie Larson,
Katie Pfund

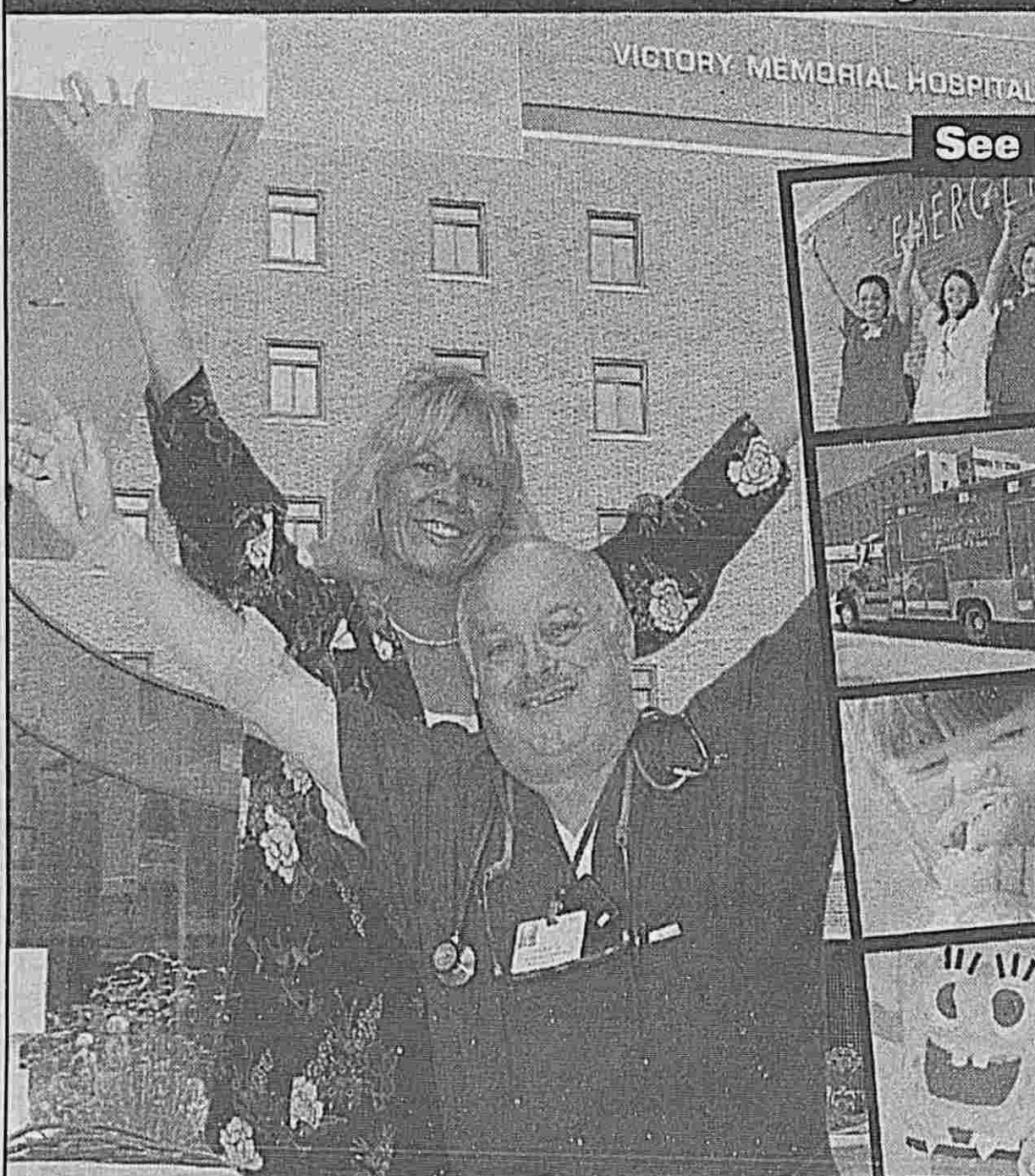
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● On The Sidelines

End here ... again

It seems the world has ended again, just like it did in 2000, and as I'm sure it will many times more in the near future. Therefore, in celebration of the recent Apocalypse, I'd like to recognize the four horsemen (and women) of the spring sports season.

While I'm quite sure they won't be riding around wearing black robes, these eight athletes brought plenty of fire and brimstone to their competitors over the course of the last few months.

Four Horsemen:

Pat Garvey, Grayslake Central Baseball - If there's a Mr. October in the Majors, Ram Pat Garvey qualifies as Mr. June in the area varsity ranks, guiding his team to a sectional championship. Over the course of the tournament, Garvey notched five home runs in addition to multiple perfect games from the plate. Garvey's multi-homer days couldn't have come at a better time, hitting two apiece in the regional and sectional championships.



Daniel J. Patrick

Andrew Peterson, Mundelein Water Polo - Mundelein had quite a time in the pool, finishing off with a 27-8-1 record and a fourth place finish in the IHSA tournament. Andrew Peterson was the main threat in the pool all season long as one of the state's best scorers.

Dennis Nevolo, Warren Tennis - This young man definitely had the mark of the beast on the tennis court, capping off an undefeated regular season en route to a state singles championship. What's the really scary thing for competitors around the state? This guy still has two more years.

Ray Varner, Warren Track - In terms of the boys track teams that I cover, no one's performance can com-

pare to Varner's. The senior notched a state championship bid in the 300 hurdles and added a second place finish in the 110 high hurdles for the best individual finish in our immediate area.

Four Horsewomen:

Lauren Ott, Mundelein Softball - Four complete games, no runs, 50 strike outs - these are the stats of Mustang pitcher Lauren Ott en route to the first sectional championship in nearly a decade for MHS. Ott was spectacular throughout the tourney, requiring only five runs of support to guide Mundelein to the title before falling to Barrington in the Super Sectional.

Kelsie Morway, Antioch Soccer - It's often difficult for star athletes to help others, but Sequoit Kelsie Morway made an art of it, notching 14 assists in addition to her 18 goals for Antioch this season. Such unselfish play helped guide the Sequoits to 14 wins this season.

Bailey Wagner, Grant Track - Watch out for this one as she still has plenty of time left to torment Illinois throwers. In just her first year in a varsity uniform, Wagner captured gold, besting her teammate Cora Caulfield in the shot put by almost 7 inches and took third in the discus, this time behind her Bulldog cohort.

Cora Caulfield, Grant Track - Her teammate may have stolen some of Caulfield's thunder this season, but after coming back from a major illness before the season to medal in both the shot put and discus competitions, Cora's definitely finished high school with style.

There you have it, my choices for the four horsemen and women for the spring sports season. Come to think of it, isn't it just convenient that two of our boys state champions were Blue Devils?

I think not. The signs are out there, and they're those really annoying black ones on I-94.

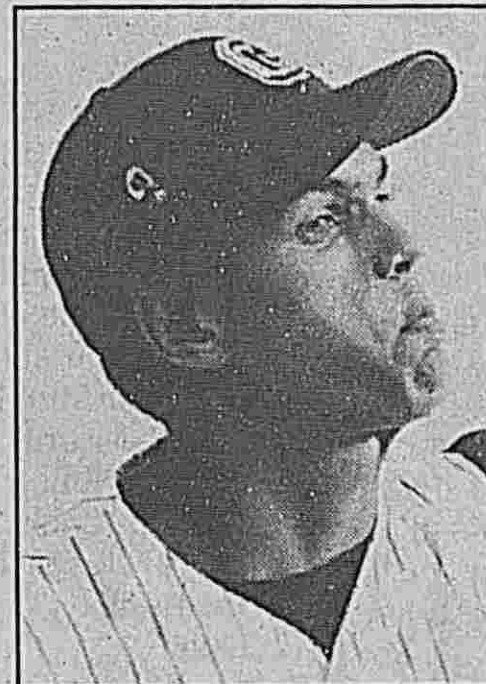
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● Athletes of the Week



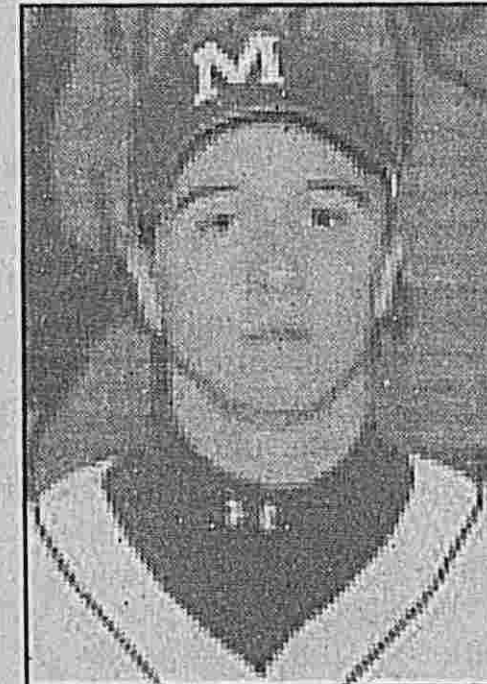
LAUREN OTT

Mundelein's ace turned in yet another dazzling performance at the Warren Sectional Final, blanking McHenry 1-0 and racking up 11 strikeouts and holding the Warriors to just one hit in the outing. Ott pitched four straight shutouts before the Mustangs fell to Barrington in the Super Sectional.



STEVE KUGLIOSKI

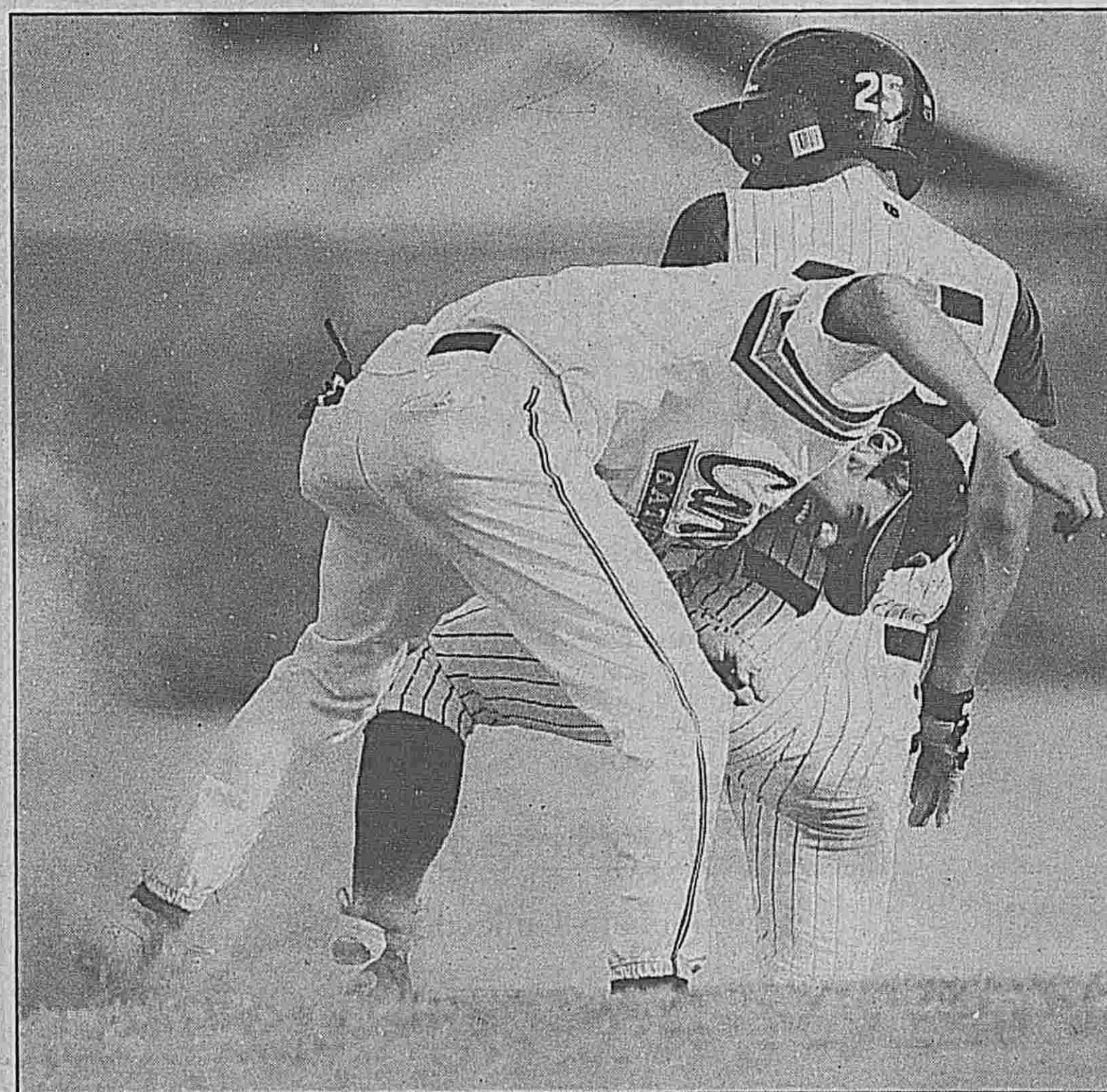
Grayslake's spectacular pitching paved the way for their sectional championship, thanks to the powerful arm of senior Steve Kugliowski. Against Carmel and Lakes, Kugliowski gave up just one run on five hits in 10 innings of work while racking up 14 strikeouts.



ADAM KETZNER

Senior Adam Ketzner gave himself a senior season to remember, winning in the Mundelein Sectional semifinal. In the game, Ketzner gave up just one run off of three hits against the powerful Stevenson Patriots for the 2-1 win to advance to the sectional championship. Ketzner finished off the season at 7-3.

Safe at second



Carmel's Sean McCreary's glove flew away after being kicked off by Grayslake's Brett Miller as he slid safely into second base during the Sectional semifinal at Mundelein High School. Grayslake won 8-1.

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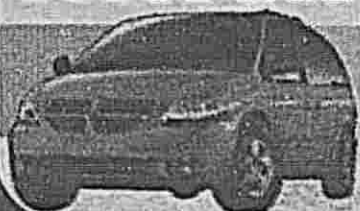
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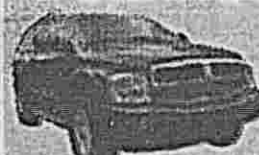
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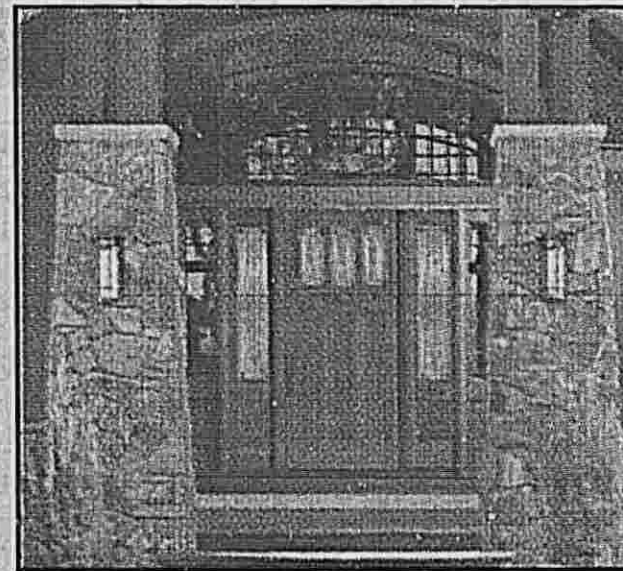
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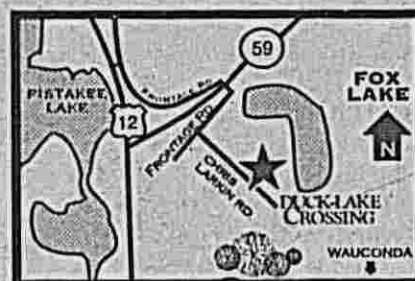
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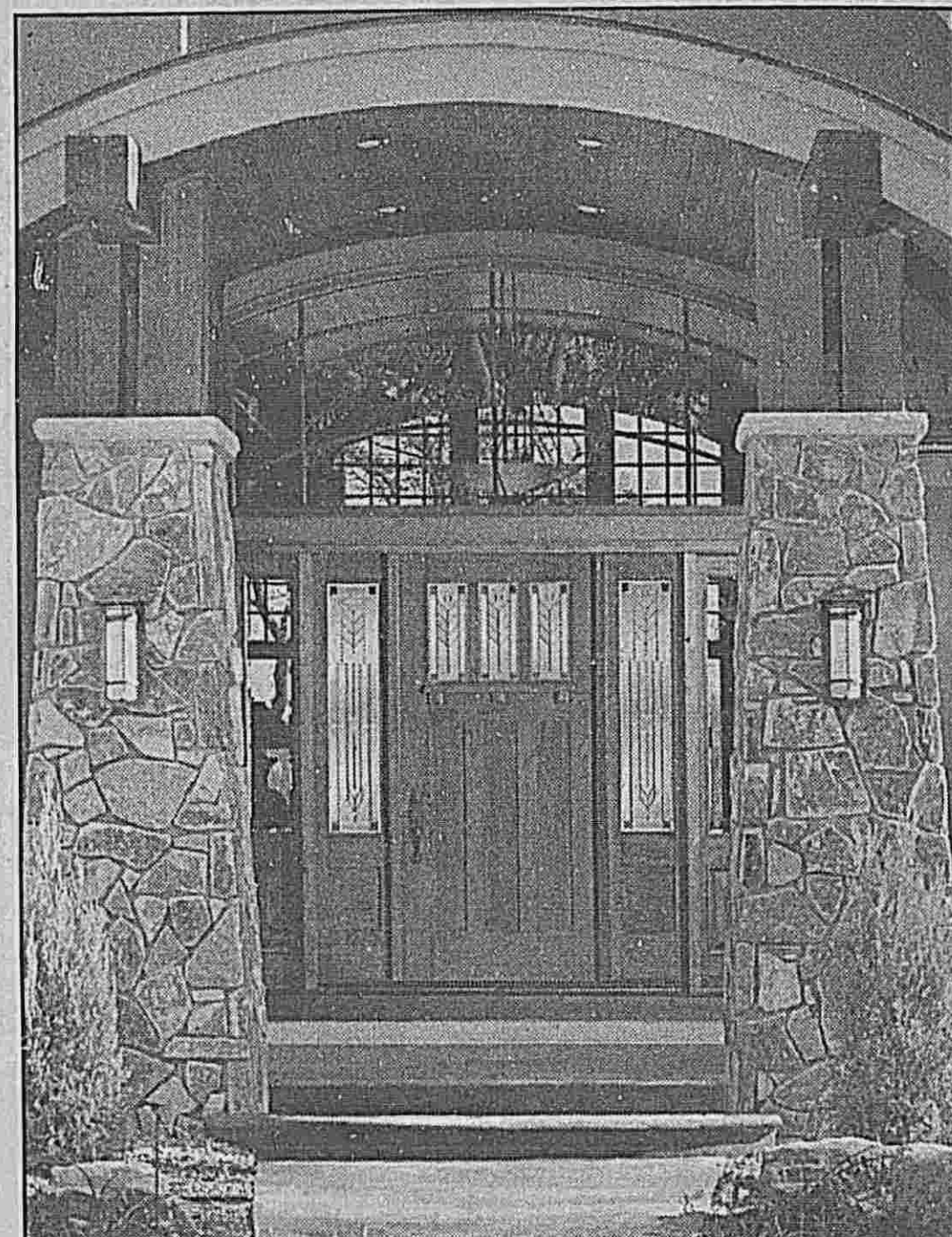
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With summer quickly approaching, people everywhere are looking for ways to control the mosquito population in their backyards. While folks fire up their barbecues and prepare for a season of outdoor parties, mosquitoes loom as a source of much annoyance. But more importantly, these pests can pose a serious health threat to families and pets.

Homeowners need to develop a plan for controlling these potentially dangerous insects in their backyard.

Time is of the essence, since mosquitoes can develop from egg to adult in as little as four to seven days.

Minimizing the amount of standing water can significantly reduce mosquitoes around the home.

Homeowners should:

- Destroy or dispose of tin cans, old tires, buckets and similar water-holding containers.
- Drill holes in the bottom

of recycling containers that are left outside and cover trash containers to keep out rainwater.

- Clean clogged roof gutters on an annual basis.

- Change water every week in birdbaths and wading pools.

- Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish.

- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools that are not being used.

- Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps and arrange them so they drain properly.

- Clean animal troughs weekly.

- Irrigate lawns and gardens carefully to prevent water from standing for several days.

Since mosquitoes are known to carry diseases such as West Nile virus, canine heartworm and viral encephalitis, every preventative measure is important. With a little extra effort, summertime in the backyard can be an even more enjoyable experience.



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Resolve title defects impeding Real Estate closing

Nothing turns the happy occasion of a real estate closing into a nightmare faster than an unresolved defect in the title to the property - or even worse, an unanticipated defect that shows up at the last minute.

"While the job of resolving title defects usually rests with the title company, an experienced real estate lawyer can help resolve problems with title as quickly and efficiently as possible," says Aurora Austriaco, president of the 1,500-member Illinois Real Estate Lawyers Association (IRELA).

"Most buyers don't really understand title commitments or loan documents," she states. "In most cases, only a lawyer can be counted on to point out issues that a buyer needs to be concerned about."

Austriaco lists some of the most common issues affecting title than can be resolved beforehand through planning and communication.

Judgments and liens. The seller must resolve existing judgments and liens prior to or at closing from the sale proceeds

and obtain a release from any party being paid off. The release should be recorded immediately to clear these judgments and liens from the chain of title.

In the event a release cannot be obtained prior to or at closing, or the party owed cannot be located to receive the payoff, the title company can allow the closing to proceed by setting up a title indemnity account, usually for one and a half times the amount of the lien judgement. In this way, the title company can issue a title policy free and clear of the exception.

Dissolution of marriage. If a seller is in the process of divorcing, the title company will need to review the settlement agreement to determine whether the selling spouse has the authority to sell the property and whether part of the sales proceeds should go to the other spouse.

Condominiums and townhouses. These types of properties are covered by previously recorded declarations and bylaws as well as covenants, conditions and restrictions of record.

Generally, these documents contain provisions giving the condo or townhouse association the first right to purchase any unit being sold. In addition, since these documents are recorded very early on, the association's right to foreclose on any unpaid dues and assessments takes priority over any subsequent mortgages or liens.

Therefore, a title company will insure over the exceptions regarding assessments and right of first refusal as long as the seller provides it with a paid assessment letter stating that all dues and assessments are current, and a letter from the association waiving its right of first refusal to purchase the unit being sold.

Setback line violations. Some properties have building setback lines that define where a building should be relative to the lot line. Houses built beyond the setback line are in violation of municipal codes.

Most title companies look into the nature of the violation, how long it has existed (violations become less of an insurance risk over time), whether neighboring

houses are built the same way (making it problematic to remove violations), and its extent. Equipped with more information, a lawyer can negotiate more effectively with the title company for increased coverage on the client's title policy.

Property line encroachments. Encroachments onto the subject property are not insurable since they become automatic claims to the title company by the insured. Encroachments from the subject property onto a neighbor's land, however, are insurable depending on the type of encroachment. A fence encroachment usually is not insurable since fences can easily be moved. In other cases, title companies determine insurability of the defect by looking into the type of encroachment, its duration, how movable or permanent it is, and the extent of the encroachment.

Tax problems. If a property has been sold at a tax sale for an arrearage, an estimate of redemption must be obtained from the county clerk's office to redeem the property. If the esti-

mate of redemption is not available at closing, the title company will generally require title indemnity for one and a half times the amount of the taxes sold.

• Bankruptcy. If the seller has filed for bankruptcy and the case is still open at the time of closing, the seller must provide the title company with a court order allowing the sale of the subject property. Absent this order, the closing may be a violation of the stay order on the disposition of the debtor's assets.

Most title defect issues can be resolved as long as you work with your real estate attorney, says John O'Brien, IRELA chairman. The key is to do so before it becomes too late to avoid the nightmares, he affirms.

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Create a retreat all family members can enjoy

The purpose of a backyard varies from homeowner to homeowner. Some want a secluded, quiet place to which they can retire after a hard day's work. Others want a place where they can show off their gardening skills. Still, others are looking for an area where the kids can play ball, or the dog can frolic and chase squirrels. Many want a combination of all these factors, but aren't quite sure how to begin.

With a little imagination, the entire family can peacefully coexist in the backyard. Here's how:

The family pet

Dogs, cats, a pot-bellied pig — pets today are members of the family more than ever before. They're sharing home space (maybe even a spot at the foot of your bed) and they, too, want a chance to enjoy some fresh air outdoors. The trouble is, pets and lawns/gardens aren't always the best of friends. Dogs and outdoor cats can discolor lawn when urinating or may tear up shrubbery in their pursuits of "prey." Dogs

may also dig unsightly holes, leaving your yard looking more like a minefield than a welcoming retreat.

The key to sharing yard space with your pets is to create areas that are okay for your furry friends and ones that are decidedly for those who walk on two, rather than four, legs.

Edging products can do just that. Frame out an area of territory that is a pet paradise — a place that is far enough away from your patio or entertaining area so that odors or mess won't interfere with your enjoyment levels. Train your pets to use this area for play and for "conducting business." Make it inviting for them, placing toys, bones and other fun things in the space. You can fill the area with mulch or sand, so you don't have to worry about maintaining grass in this space. Camouflage the area from the rest of the yard with shrubbery so any eyesores will be hidden. The shrubs (particularly if you use thorned or prickly varieties) may also deter your dog from trying to roam free in the backyard.

The kids

Backyards were created with kids in mind — offering them a place where they can play for hours. However, children given free roam over the entire yard may cause headaches, particularly for those who want to maintain some aesthetic appeal in the yard as well.

Just as you did for the family dog, designate play areas in the yard for the kids, and frame them out. You can customize the height and shape of a border to surround a playset, a baseball diamond, or use the system to design a sandbox for the younger children. As the children grow and their ideas of fun change with age, these playspaces can morph into areas you can enjoy. Turn the sandbox into a raised garden bed, erect a vegetable garden where the playset once stood, and transform that baseball diamond into a pond or water feature.

A place for you

After a long day or week at work, a backyard can serve as a



By creating designated areas for the kids, the pets and for your own backyard use, the entire family will be able to enjoy the yard.

restful place. Filling it with key elements that add to that serenity is key. Water features are growing in popularity and are a must-have for many people. Traditional ponds require digging down several feet and then lining the hole and filling with water. Other ways to create an inviting retreat are by filling your space with colorful flowers

or aromatic herbs. Do so easily with raised garden beds. You'll avoid strain on your back from kneeling at ground level to maintain the beds, and the raised design will improve waterflow and accessibility to your plantings.

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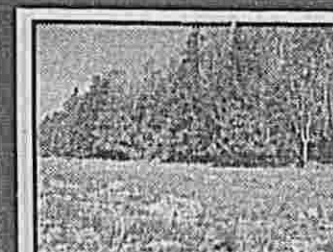
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Is a second home the right move?

While many people dream of owning a vacation home, oftentimes it is looked at as a luxury available solely to the wealthy. That's a perception that is largely true, as approval for second home mortgages is more difficult than for primary home mortgages. Also, higher down payments on second homes are typically required, as lenders look to protect themselves from borrowers who might be more prone to missing a payment on their vacation home than their primary residence.

Still, for those in the position to afford and be approved for a second home, the decision on whether or not to do so is no slam dunk. Rather, the following financial considerations should be taken into account before you go second home hunting.

- **Costs.** Even though you won't be living in the house the entire year, the traditional costs that apply to your primary residence will still be there. Financing fees, utility bills and property taxes, among other things, will all still apply. In addition, for those looking to rent out their second home during periods of time they know they won't be using it, that can potentially prove more limiting financially. Oftentimes, renting the property out means you're no longer eligible for certain tax exemptions.

- **Compare and contrast.** While it's always nicer to own your own place, is it really worth it for you? This can be determined with a simple examination of past vacation's receipts. How much do you typically shell out in hotel or rental fees or other traditional vacation expenses such as food and beverages? If a second home makes financial sense in that regard, then you might be making the right decision getting a second home. However, for those who typically don't spend too much time on vacation or would prefer to travel to different locales, then a second home might not be for you.

- **Look at different properties available.** Just because you can afford a second home doesn't mean you need one. Less expensive condos or timeshares can make you feel just as at home on a vacation and might be able to save you sub-

stantial amounts on property taxes, fees, etc.

- **Speak to an investment professional.** If you're not currently in a position to afford a second home but would like to be someday, consult a financial planner or advisor and tell him about your goals. If you stay disciplined and start far enough in advance, you should be able to establish a plan where a second home is less a dream and more a reality.

- **Know the tax laws.** As mentioned earlier, your intentions with property can greatly affect the amount you'll be taxed or allowed to deduct. Don't let these laws be a surprise after you've bought your second home. Know exactly what you can and can't do with your property and how certain things like renting out the property will affect your tax situation. Consult a tax professional to learn about the various tax implications that could make or break you financially.

- **Is it what you really want?** For vacationers who enjoy time off in the summer and the winter, perhaps a second home isn't the best route, as you likely won't be able to ski and surf in the same locale, meaning you'll still be spending additional money on hotels and other services that a second home should negate. Also, the burdens of meeting the bills that come with a second home can limit your ability to take that second vacation. Understand all the costs you'll have to face once you sign the dotted line.

- **Benefits of a second home.** There are advantages to owning a vacation or second home. Firstly, you'll build equity on the home for each year you own it, provided the real estate market remains as prosperous as it is currently. Secondly, knowing that your vacation home is equipped with your favorite foods, clothing and recreational items makes embarking on a vacation that much more pleasurable — there are fewer bags to pack, etc. Thirdly, there's always the option of selling your main residence and renting close to where you work through the duration of your career. Then you can focus on making your vacation home a retirement retreat.

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Pet OF THE WEEK**TRISH**

Listen to this bleating meow...this always cracks up one of our socialization cat volunteers. Trish is getting a little bit more outgoing, and obviously noisier too as if to start drawing some attention to herself. She really likes to be petted and would love a quiet home with another laid-back kitty. She has put on some weight, shhh don't tell her that though, so volunteers are spending a little bit of extra time playing with the laser light and DaBird to help keep her trim and fit!

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Trish is looking for a forever home or foster home to retire from life at Save-A-Pet. We are also in need of additional foster homes, especially for kittens, moms with kittens or pregnant moms. For information, please email fostercareinfo@save-a-pet-il.org or call 847-740-7788, ext. 116.

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pls.+washer/dryer includ-
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#1535
WAUKEGAN, IL. 60085

You are being sued
by AURORA HEALTH
CARE SOUTHERN
LAKES, INC. DBA AU-
RORA MEDICAL CEN-
TER KENOSHA in the
Small Claims Court of
Kenosha County, 912
Fifty-Sixth Street,
Kenosha, WI. 53140. A
hearing will be held at
1:30 p.m. On June 26,
2006. If you do not ap-
pear, a judgment may be
given to the person sue-
ing you. (A copy of this
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you at the address above).

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collect a debt. Any in-
formation obtained will
be used for that pur-
pose.

Dated this 31st. Day of
May, 2006

/s/ Jonathan D.
McCollister
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Heuer Law Offices,
S.C.
John M. Heuer (State
Bar #1015620)
Kristen Fagerland
Pezewski (State Bar
#1025693)
Jonathan D. McCollister
(State Bar #1037740)
Brandon E. Bowlin
(State Bar #1054932)
Jennifer L. Anderson
(State Bar #1030556)
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Suite 460
Milwaukee, WI 53203
Phone: (414)224-3500
0609B-7822-GP
June 9, 2006

06-6078D

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE 19TH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
LAKE COUNTY,
WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS

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WASHINGTON MUTUAL
BANK
PLAINTIFF,

-vs-
RAMON VAZQUEZ MOYA
A/K/A RAMON VASQUEZ;
RINA GUERRERO; BEN-
EFICIAL ILLINOIS INC.
D/B/A BENEFICIAL
MORTGAGE CO. OF ILLI-
NOIS; UNKNOWN OWN-
ERS AND NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS

DEFENDANTS

NO. 06 CH 941

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for
publication having been
filed, notice is hereby giv-
en you **RAMON**
VAZQUEZ MOYA A/K/A
RAMON VASQUEZ; RINA
GUERRERO; UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND NON-
RECORD CLAIMANTS.

Defendants in the above
entitled suit, that the said
suit has been commenced
in the Circuit Court of Lake
County, by the said Plain-
tiff against you and other
defendants, praying for the
foreclosure of a certain
Mortgage conveying the
premises described as fol-
lows, to wit:

PARCEL "B" IN GALILEE
CHURCH OF CHRIST RE-
SUBDIVISION, BEING A
RESUBDIVISION OF
LOTS 3, 4, 5 AND 6 IN
BLOCK 1 IN ZION CITY
SUBDIVISION IN SEC-
TION 28, TOWNSHIP 46
NORTH, RANGE 12,
EAST OF THE THIRD
PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN,
ACCORDING TO THE
PLAT OF SAID RESUBDI-
VISION RECORDED
JUNE 28, 1995, AS DOC-
UMENT NO. 3689096, IN
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS
2937 GALILEE AVENUE,
ZION, ILLINOIS 60099.

PERMANENT TAX NO.:
04-28-103-017

and which said Mortgage
was made by **RAMON**
VASQUEZ MOYA A/K/A
RAMON VASQUEZ AND
RINA GUERRERO Mort-
gagors, to **MORTGAGE**
ELECTRONIC REGIS-
TRATION SYSTEMS,
INC., AS NOMINEE FOR
WASHINGTON MUTUAL
HOME LOANS, INC. as
Mortgagee, and recorded
in the office of the
Recorder of Deeds of Lake
County, Illinois, as docu-
ment number 4854727.

And for other relief; that
summons was duly issued
out of the said Court
against you as provided by
law, and that the suit is
now pending.

Now therefore, unless you,
the said above named de-
fendants, file your answer
to the Complaint in the
said suit or otherwise
make your appearance
therein, the office of the
Clerk of the Circuit Court of
Lake County, in the City of
Waukegan, Illinois, on or
before the 30th day after
the first publication of this
notice which is July 10,
2006. Default may be en-
tered against you at any
time after that day and a
judgment entered in ac-
cordance with the prayer of

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said Complaint.

FISHER and SHAPIRO,
LLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
4201 Lake Cook Road
Northbrook, Illinois 60062
(847) 498-9990

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF LAKE

IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT FOR THE NINE-
TEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT COURT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,

Plaintiff

vs

ORVILLE AYERS, BREN-
DA AYERS, CRANBERRY
LAKE NORTH CONDO-
MINIUM ASSOCIATION,
INC., UNKNOWN OWN-
ERS AND NONRECORD
CLAIMANTS,

Defendants

No. 06 CH 609

NOTICE BY PUBLICA-
TION

The requisite affidavit for
publication having been
filed, notice is hereby giv-
en you, **BRENDA AYERS,**
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND
NONRECORD
CLAIMANTS, Defendant
(s) in the above entitled
suit, that the said suit has
been commenced in the
Nineteenth Judicial Circuit
Court of Lake County, Illi-
nois, by the Plaintiff
against you and other de-
fendants, praying for the
foreclosure of a certain
Mortgage conveying the
premises described as fol-
lows, to wit:

UNIT 6-3 TOGETHER
WITH ITS UNDIVIDED
PERCENTAGE INTER-
EST IN THE COMMON
ELEMENTS IN CRAN-
BERRY LAKE NORTH
CONDOMINIUM, AS DE-
LINEATED AND DEFINED
IN THE DECLARATION
RECORDED AS DOCU-
MENT NUMBER 5012055,
IN SECTION 28, TOWN-
SHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE
10, EAST OF THE THIRD
PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 52
W. BIGHORN DR.,
HAINESVILLE, IL 60073
Permanent Index No. 06-
28-200-039

and which said Mortgage
was made by **ORVILLE**
AYERS and BRENDA AY-
ERS, Mortgagor(s), to
MORTGAGE ELECTRON-
IC REGISTRATION SYS-
TEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE
OF AEGIS WHOLESALE
CORPORATION AS-
SIGNED TO CITIMORT-
GAGE, INC., as Mort-
gagee, and recorded in the
Office of the Recorder of
Deeds of Lake County, Illi-
nois as document No.
5492928;

And for such other relief
prayed; that summons was
duly issued out of the said
Nineteenth Judicial Circuit
Court against you as pro-
vided by law, and that the
said suit is now pending.

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NOW, THEREFORE,
UNLESS YOU, the said
above defendant(s), file
your answer to the com-
plaint in the said suit or
otherwise make your ap-
pearance therein, in the
Office of the Clerk of the
Nineteenth Judicial Circuit
Court, at the Courthouse,
in the City of Waukegan,
Lake County, Illinois, on or
before July 10, 2006, de-
fault may be entered
against you at any time
after that day and a decree
entered in accordance with
the prayer of said com-
plaint.

SALLY DEADRICK COF-
FELT Clerk of the
19th Judicial Circuit Court
Lake County, Illinois.

HAUSELMAN, RAPPIN &
OLSWANG, LTD.
Attorney for Plaintiff
39 South La Salle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60603
(312)372 2020

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF LAKE

IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT FOR THE NINE-
TEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT COURT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,

Plaintiff

vs

JAMES D. FOX, UN-
KNOWN OWNERS AND
NONRECORD
CLAIMANTS,

Defendants

No. 06 CH 722

NOTICE BY PUBLICA-
TION

The requisite affidavit for
publication having been
filed, notice is hereby giv-
en you, **JAMES D. FOX,**
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND
NONRECORD
CLAIMANTS, Defendant
(s) in the above entitled
suit, that the said suit has
been commenced in the
Nineteenth Judicial Circuit
Court of Lake County, Illi-
nois, by the Plaintiff
against you and other de-
fendants, praying for the
foreclosure of a certain
Mortgage conveying the
premises described as fol-
lows, to wit:

LOT 16 IN BLOCK 15 IN
ZION CITY SUBDIVISION
IN SECTION 27, TOWN-
SHIP 46 NORTH, RANGE
12 EAST OF THE THIRD
PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN,
ACCORDING TO THE
PLAT THEREOF
RECORDED JULY 17,
1901 AS DOCUMENT
82496 IN BOOK E OF
PLATS, PAGE 59, IN
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 3006
EDINA BOULEVARD,
ZION, IL 60099
Permanent Index No. 04-
27-110-016

and which said Mortgage
was made by **JAMES D.**
FOX, Mortgagor(s), to KEY
MORTGAGE SERVICES,
INC. ASSIGNED TO CITI-
MORTGAGE, INC., as

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Mortgagee, and recorded
in the Office of the
Recorder of Deeds of Lake
County, Illinois as docu-
ment No. 4429326;

And for such other relief
prayed; that summons was
duly issued out of the said
Nineteenth Judicial Circuit
Court against you as pro-
vided by law, and that the
said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE,
UNLESS YOU, the said
above defendant(s), file
your answer to the com-
plaint in the said suit or
otherwise make your ap-
pearance therein, in the
Office of the Clerk of the
Nineteenth Judicial Circuit
Court, at the Courthouse,
in the City of Waukegan,
Lake County, Illinois, on or
before July 10, 2006, de-
fault may be entered
against you at any time
after that day and a decree
entered in accordance with
the prayer of said com-
plaint.

SALLY DEADRICK COF-
FELT Clerk of the
19th Judicial Circuit Court
Lake County, Illinois.

HAUSELMAN, RAPPIN &
OLSWANG, LTD.
Attorney for Plaintiff
39 South La Salle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60603
(312)372 2023

**ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME APPLICATION**

NAME OF BUSINESS:
A Capital Resource
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Cash Flow Consultant
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR
TRANSACTIONED IN THIS
COUNTY:
125 Cecelia Street,
Grayslake, IL 60030,
(847) 223-1871.
P.O. Box 60, Graylake,
IL 60030, (847) 223-2006.
NAME(S) AND POST OF-
FICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSI-
NESS:
Gene Simpson, P.O. Box
60, Grayslake, IL 60030,
(847)223-2006.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the
undersigned intend(s) to
conduct the above named
business from the location
(s) indicated and that the
true and legal full name(s)
of the person(s) owning,
conducting or transacting
the business is/are as
shown.

/s/ Gene Simpson
May 19, 2006

The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before
me by the person(s) in-
tending to conduct the
business this 19th day of
May, 2006.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Mary E. Demers
Notary Public

Received: May 24, 2006
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0602A-7816-GL
June 2, 9, 16, 2006

ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME Change of
Owner's Legal Name or
Address or Business
Address Change or
Addition
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Vivan Los Ninos

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ORIGINAL DATE FILED:
05/09/05
OWNER'S LEGAL NAME
CHANGED OR ADDRESS
CHANGED FROM:
Ana Lucia Tenorio
732 Tomahawk
Round Lake Hts., IL.
60073, (847)546-4153
TO:
Analucia Tenorio
295 E. Lake Park Ave.
Round Lake Heights, IL.
60073
(847)546-4153

BUSINESS ADDRESS
(ES) CHANGED FROM:
732 Tomahawk
Round Lake Heights, IL.
(847)546-4153
TO:
295 E. Lake Park Ave.
Round Lake Beach, IL.
60073, (847)546-4153.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the
above change(es) to the
named business have
been made effective
6/1/06
/s/Analucia Tenorio
295 E. Lake Park Ave.
Round Lake Beach, IL.
60073
The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before
me by the person(s) con-
ducting the business this
31st. Day of May, 2006
/s/Barbara J. Noster
Notary Public
Received: May 31, 2006
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0069B-7823-RL
June 9, 16, 23, 2006

N THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE 19TH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT LAKE COUNTY -
WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS
Washington Mutual Bank
f/k/a Washington Mutual
Bank, FA f/k/a Washington
Home Loans, Inc., succes-
sor in interest to Homeside
Lending, Inc. f/k/a Banc-
oston Mortgage Corpora-
tion
PLAINTIFF

Vs.
Darrell W. Dakin; Reinhard
W. Wolf a/k/a Reinhard
Wolf; Ann Marie Dakin
a/k/a Ann Marie T. Dakin;
The Village of Round Lake
Beach; Unknown Owners
and Nonrecord Claimants
DEFENDANTS
No. 06 CH 8585
NOTICE BY PUBLICA-
TION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO
YOU:
Darrell W. Dakin
Reinhard W. Wolf a/k/a
Reinhard Wolf Ann Marie
Dakin a/k/a Ann Marie T.
Dakin
Unknown Owners and
Nonrecord Claimants
That this case has been
commenced in this Court
against you and other de-
fendants, praying for the
foreclosure of a certain
Mortgage conveying the
premises described as fol-
lows, to-wit:
LOT 16 IN DUELL'S
SHOREWOOD SUBDIVI-
SION OF PART OF THE
NORTH HALF OF THE
NORTH WEST QUARTER
OF SECTION 21, TOWN-
SHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE
10, EAST OF THE THIRD
PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN,
ACCORDING TO THE
PLAT THEREOF,
RECORDED OCTOBER
4, 1923, AS DOCUMENT
230456, IN BOOK "M" OF
PLATS, PAGE 20, IN
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
1165 E. End Avenue a/k/a
34833 East End
Round Lake, IL 60073
and which said Mortgage

PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Darrell W. Dakin; Reinhard
W. Wolf a/k/a Reinhard
Wolf; Ann Marie Dakin
a/k/a Ann Marie T. Dakin;
The Village of Round Lake
Beach; Unknown Owners
and Nonrecord Claimants
DEFENDANTS
No. 06 CH 8585
NOTICE BY PUBLICA-
TION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO
YOU:
Darrell W. Dakin
Reinhard W. Wolf a/k/a
Reinhard Wolf Ann Marie
Dakin a/k/a Ann Marie T.
Dakin
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against you and other de-
fendants, praying for the
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lows, to-wit:
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SHOREWOOD SUBDIVI-
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DEFENDANTS
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NOTICE BY PUBLICA-
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Mortgage conveying the
premises described as fol

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was made by: Darrell W. Dakin the Mortgagor(s), to Midwest Funding Corporation, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Lake County, Illinois, as Document No. 3747816; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending. NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Sally Coffelt, Clerk of the Circuit Court 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, IL 60085-4358 on or before June 26, 2006, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100
Burr Ridge, IL 60082
(630) 794-5300
DuPage # 15170
Winnebago # 531
ARDC # 00468002
Our File No. 14-06-4994
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that this law firm is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

NOONAN & LIEBERMAN,
105 W. Adams,
Chicago, Illinois 60603

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF LAKE, ss - In the Circuit Court of Lake County, County Department, Chancery Division, HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Indenture trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Jose Guerra, et al., Defendants,

No. 06 CH 769.

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you.

Jose Guerra, Iris L. Guerra, Unknown Tenants, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, defendants in the above entitled suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Lake County, Chancery Division, by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain

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Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

Parcel 1: That part of Lots 14, 15, 16 and 19 described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Lot 15, 16.0 feet West from the Northeast corner thereof; Thence North along a line, 16 feet West of and parallel with the East line of said Lot 14, 2.8 feet; Thence West parallel with the North line of Lot 15, 53.0 feet to the West line of Block 8; Thence South along said West line, 26.0 feet to a line, 1.2 feet South of and parallel with the North line of said Lot 16; thence North 23.2 feet to the place of beginning, all in Block 8 in Continental Village Unit 1, being a subdivision of part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 11; Township 45 North, Range 11 East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the plat thereof recorded April 9, 1974 as document number 1685787, in Lake County, Illinois.

Parcel 2: Easement for ingress and egress over the common areas shown on the plat of Continental Village Unit 1, and set forth in the declaration dated July 11, 1973 and recorded September 24, 1973 as document No. 1636038 and by supplemental declaration dated April 25, 1974 and recorded May 9, 1974 as document No. 1663013, in Lake County, Illinois.

PIN: 07-11-201-072.

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NAME application
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/s/ Barbara A. Dolan
May 19, 2006
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/s/ Barbara J. Noster
Notary Public
Received: May 12, 2006
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Lake County Clerk
0526D-7807-MN
May 26, 2006
June 2, 9, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
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NATURE/PURPOSE:
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ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
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528-9808.

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Carol J. Harper, 35699 N.
Kenneth Dr., Lake Villa, IL.
60046, (847)223-5186.
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/s/ Carol J. Harper
May 18, 2006
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 18th. day of May 2006.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Adriana Lomeli
Notary Public
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0526D-7810-LV
May 26, 2006
June 2, 9, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Two Hales Enterprises
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Internet Sales
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR
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conda, IL. 60084, (224)
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/s/ Debra L. Haley
May 11, 2006
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged

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before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 11th. day of May 2006.

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/s/ Kathleen S. Nielsen
Notary Public
Received: May 11, 2006
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Lake County Clerk
0526D-7814-WL
May 26, 2006
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Assumed Name 8200

ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME APPLICATION
Name of Business:
Hawk Masonry
Nature/Purpose:
Construction/repairs
Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county:
38678 N. Drexel Ln., Antioch, IL. 60002, (847)395-2305

Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:

Jason R. Kaufmann,
38678 N. Drexel Ln., Antioch, IL. 60002, (847) 395-2305.

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/s/ Jason R. Kaufmann
May 30, 2006
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 30th day of May, 2006

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/s/Melissa Ann Boyer
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Nature/Purpose
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Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:

Cheryl Thielsen, 211
Navajo Trail, McHenry, IL.
60051, (815) 385-3370.

Melissa McDaniel, 34630
Iroquois Trail, McHenry, IL.
60051, (815) 385-4978.
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/s/Cheryl Thielsen
/s/Melissa McDaniel
May 26, 2006

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 26th day of May 2006.

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/s/Melissa Ann Boyer
Notary Public
Received: May 26, 2006
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June 2, 9, 16, 2006

Assumed Name 8200

ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME APPLICATION
Name of Business
Eagle Window Cleaning
Nature/Purpose:
Window cleaning/service
Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county:
2120 Irene Ln., Green
Oaks, IL. 60048, (847)
275-9375.

Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:

Andy Everding, 2120 Irene
Ln., Green Oaks, IL.
60048, (847) 816-8377.

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COUNTY OF LAKE

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/s/ Andy Everding
May 25, 2006

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 25th day of May, 2006

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/s/Barbara J. Noster
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ASSUMED BUSINESS
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Name of Business
BH Property Ventures
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21 Linden Ave., Fox Lake,
IL. 60020, (847) 861-5773.

Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:

Christopher Bednarz, 21
Linden Ave., Fox Lake, IL.
60020, (847) 861-5773.

Samuel Haning, 711 Will-
shire Ct., Crystal Lake, IL.
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/s/ Christopher Bednarz
/s/ Samuel Haning
May 19, 2006

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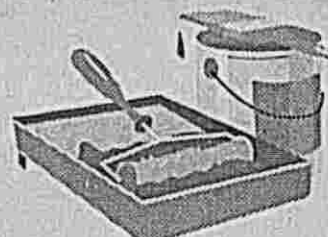
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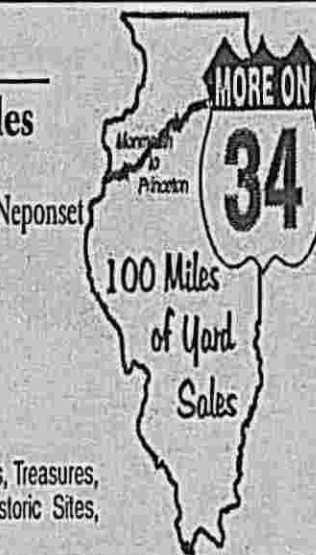
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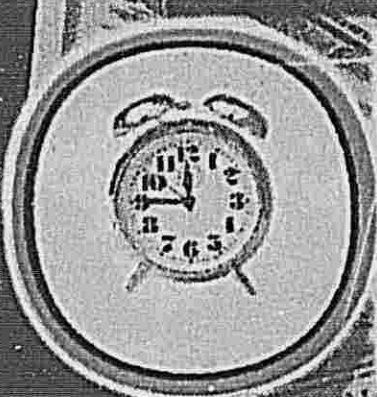
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How to choose the right motor oil

If you're not sure what oil is right for your auto, you're not alone. Many people select the oil their father used or take the suggestion of a counter person at an auto-parts store who may not know any more about cars than they do.

Keep in mind that there are meaningful differences between motor oils. In fact, the right oil is often the quickest and cheapest way to improve your car's performance and reliability.

The scoop on motor oil

Two components determine how well motor oil will perform in your car. One factor is the base oil, and the other is the combination of chemicals (additives) that are added to the base oil.

The two primary types of base oils are mineral and synthetic. Mineral oils are by-products of refined crude oil. Refining helps reduce impurities but leaves molecules of all shapes and sizes. Synthetic oils are man-made compounds whose molecules are all the same size and shape. Synthetic oil has less friction and performs better than mineral oils.

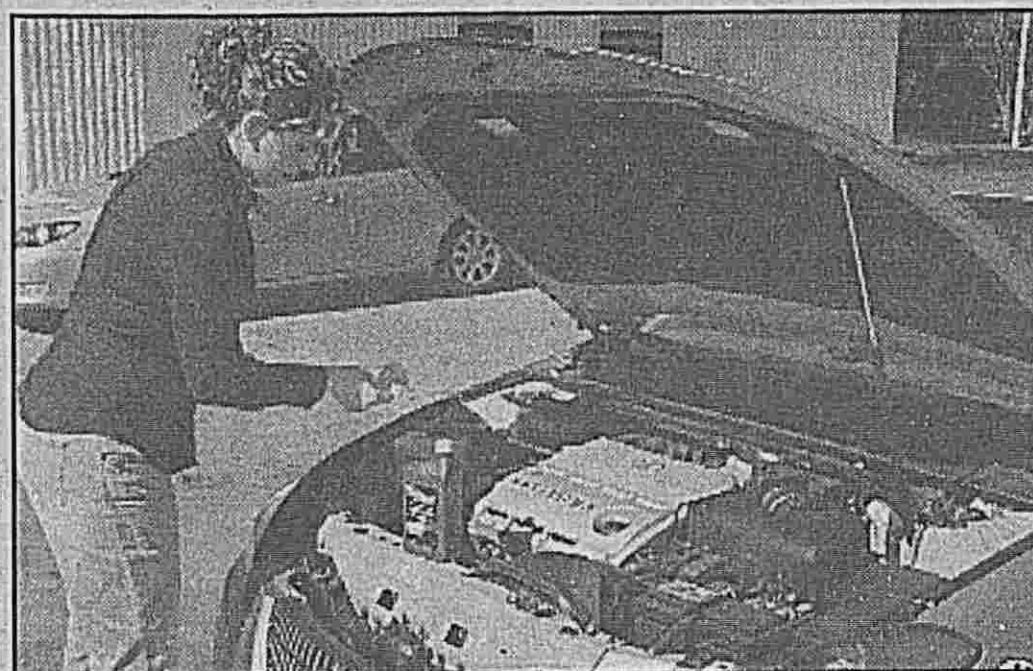
Regardless of the base oil used, chemicals must be added to motor oil to help it do its job.

Typical additives include detergents to reduce the formation of residue, defoamants to deter absorption of air, anti-wear agents and antioxidants.

Although additives are typically only 15 to 25 percent of motor oil, they can impact a lubricant's performance much more than the base oil. For instance, mineral-based motor oil with a very good additive package can easily outperform synthetic motor oil with a mediocre additive package.

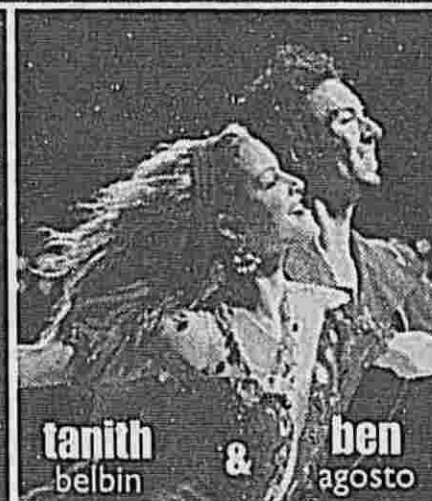
There is no easy way for a consumer to determine the quality of motor oil's additive package. Price is often an indicator of quality since the more advanced additive technologies cost more to produce. However, performance is the ultimate measure of additive package quality.

For a used car with little life left in it, stick with mineral-based motor oil. For a car you plan to keep for a few years and want to get a little better performance from, you should at least upgrade to synthetic motor oil. To get the most performance out of your car, truck or RV, or to protect a vehicle you really care about and want to last, upgrade to a high-performance motor oil.



Check out all your motor oil options. You may find an advanced synthetic oil is a better choice for your car or truck.

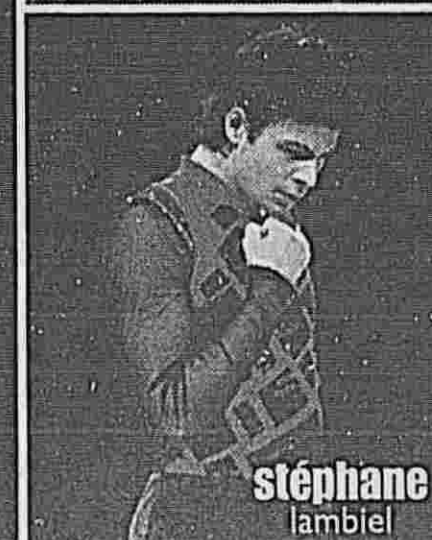
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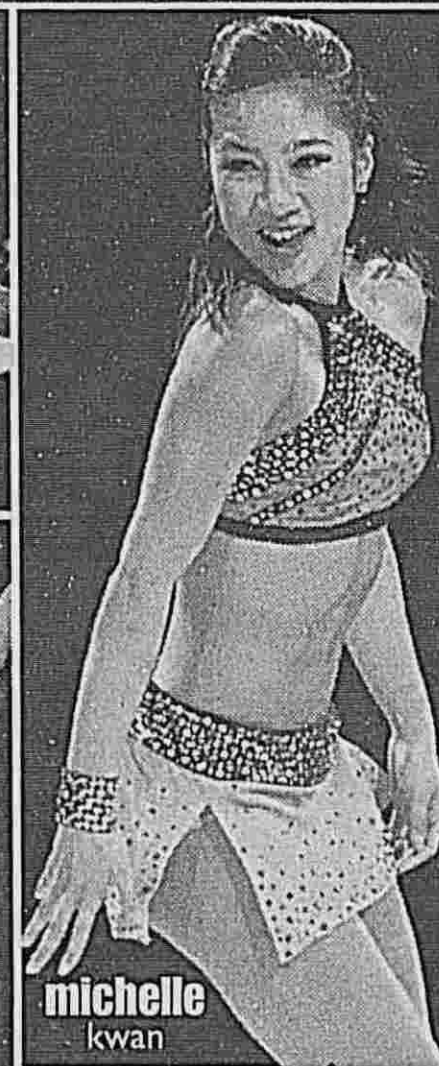
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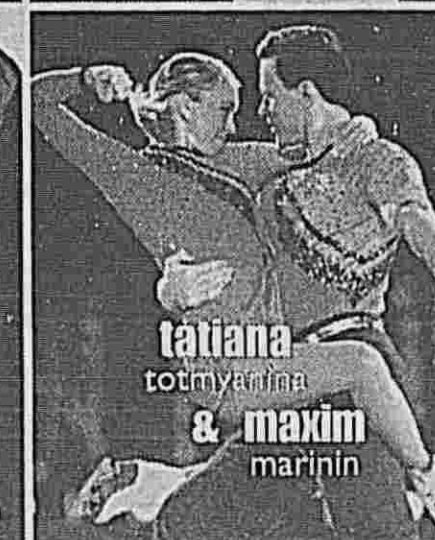
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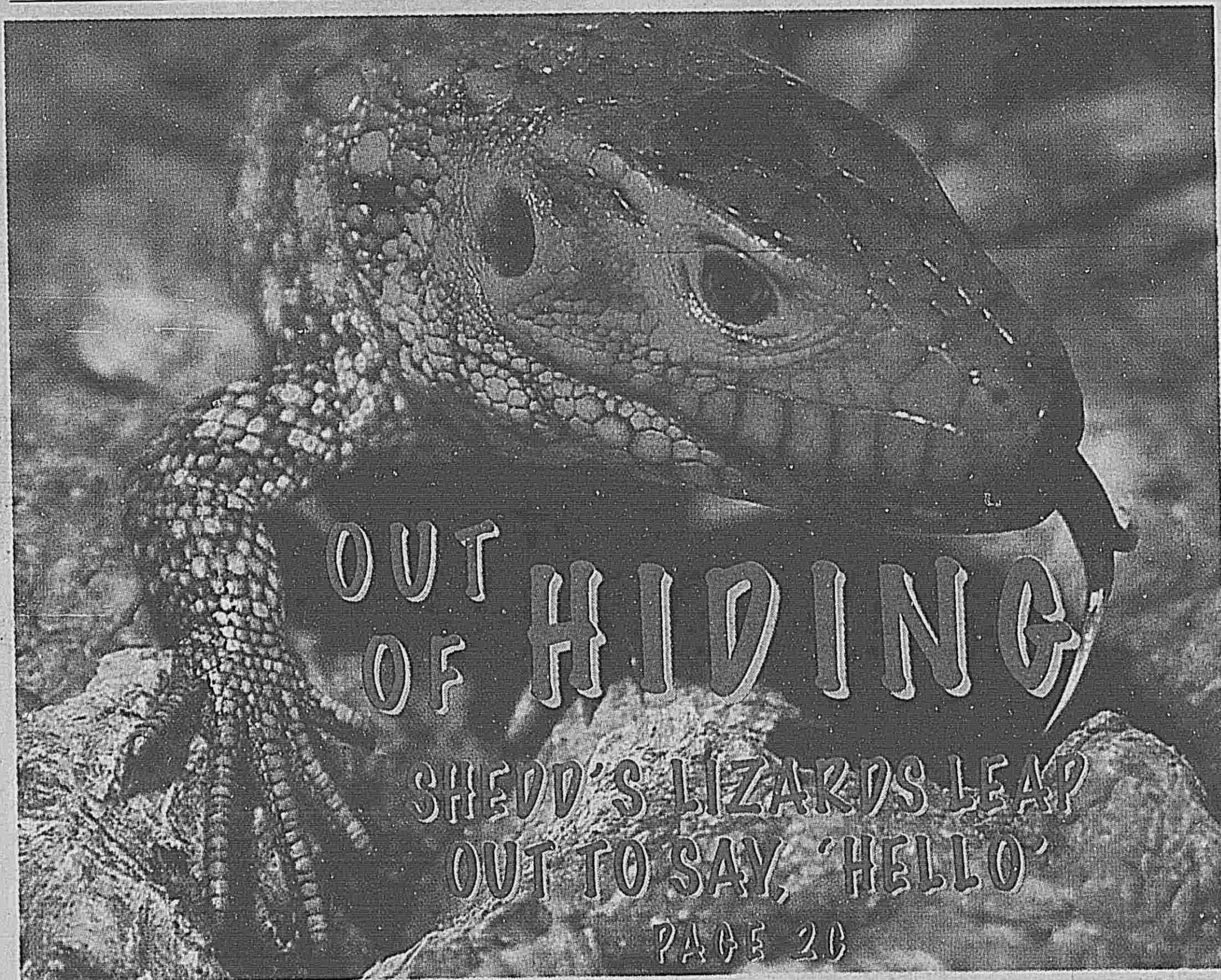


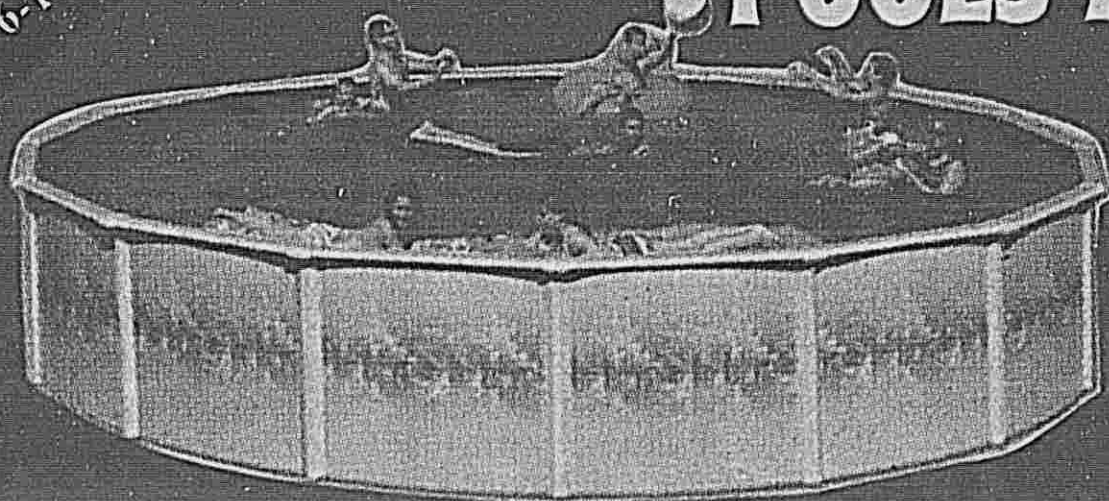
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The Caiman Lizard, a native to the Amazon Basin in Peru and Brazil, is one of the lizards featured at the Shedd Aquarium's exhibit in Chicago.

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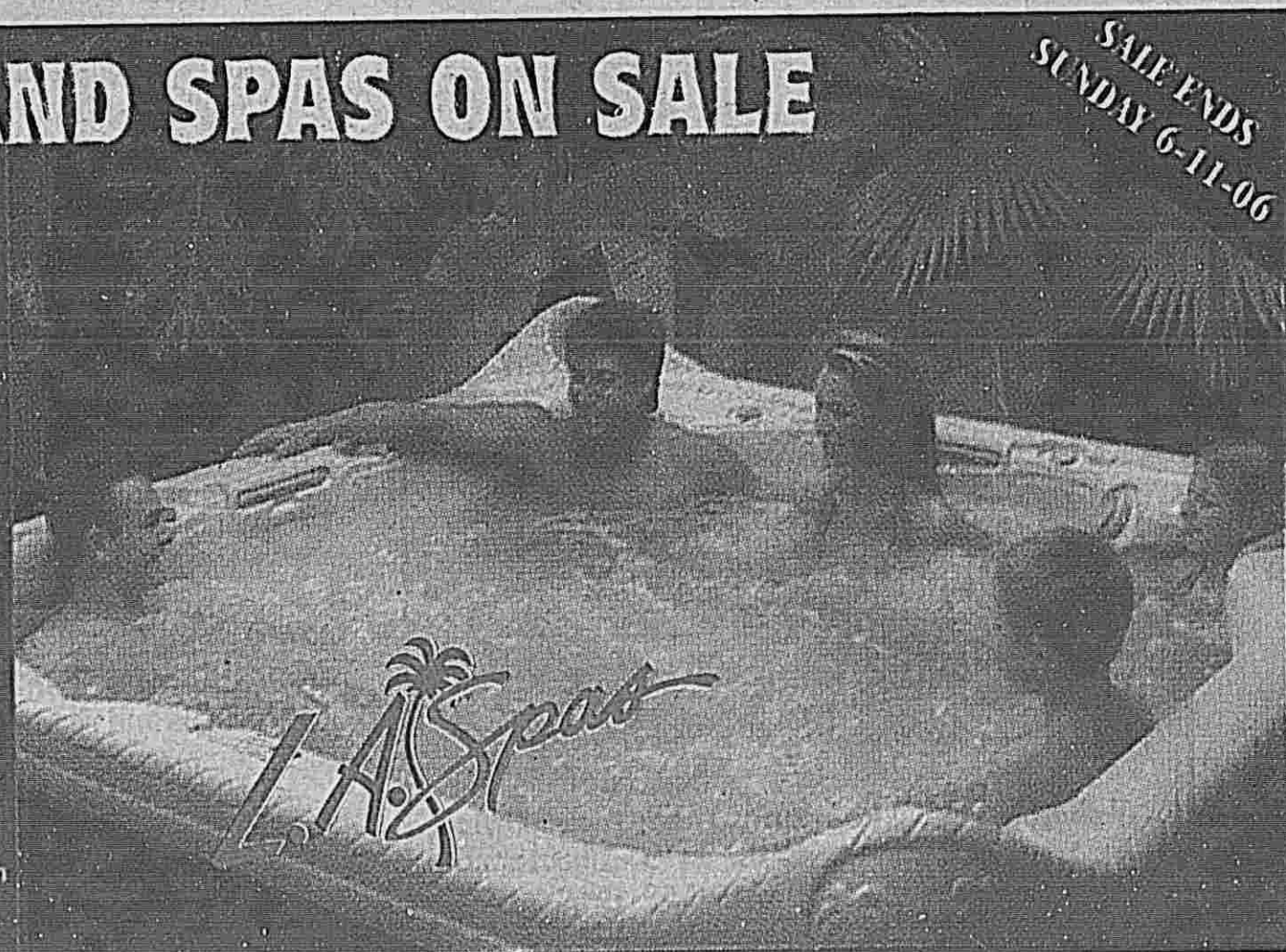
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Used books sprout up at Orchard Shopping Center

By REBECCA KLUGIEWICZ
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Starting this Saturday and through the following week, thousands of book lovers will gather in a yellow and white tent in the parking lot of Old Orchard Shopping Center in Skokie for the world's largest used book sale.

The event, sponsored by the North Shore Chapter of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee, will be in the west lot of Old Orchard from June 10 through 18.

The annual event is popular among book dealers, collectors and avid readers. Barbara Selwyn, the director of marketing for the national office of the Women's Committee, had news about the event that may upset some of the 25,000 people that attend each year.

"This is the last year that the sale will be as it is. We hope it will come back in another form," she said.

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help run the event are no longer able to do the work, she said. It's the premiere event the North Shore group holds each year as a fundraiser for Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., a the only nonsectarian Jewish-sponsored college in the United States.

The first used book sale the organization sponsored was a small event in 1958. It has grown tremendously since then, with collectors camping out for days before the tent opens.

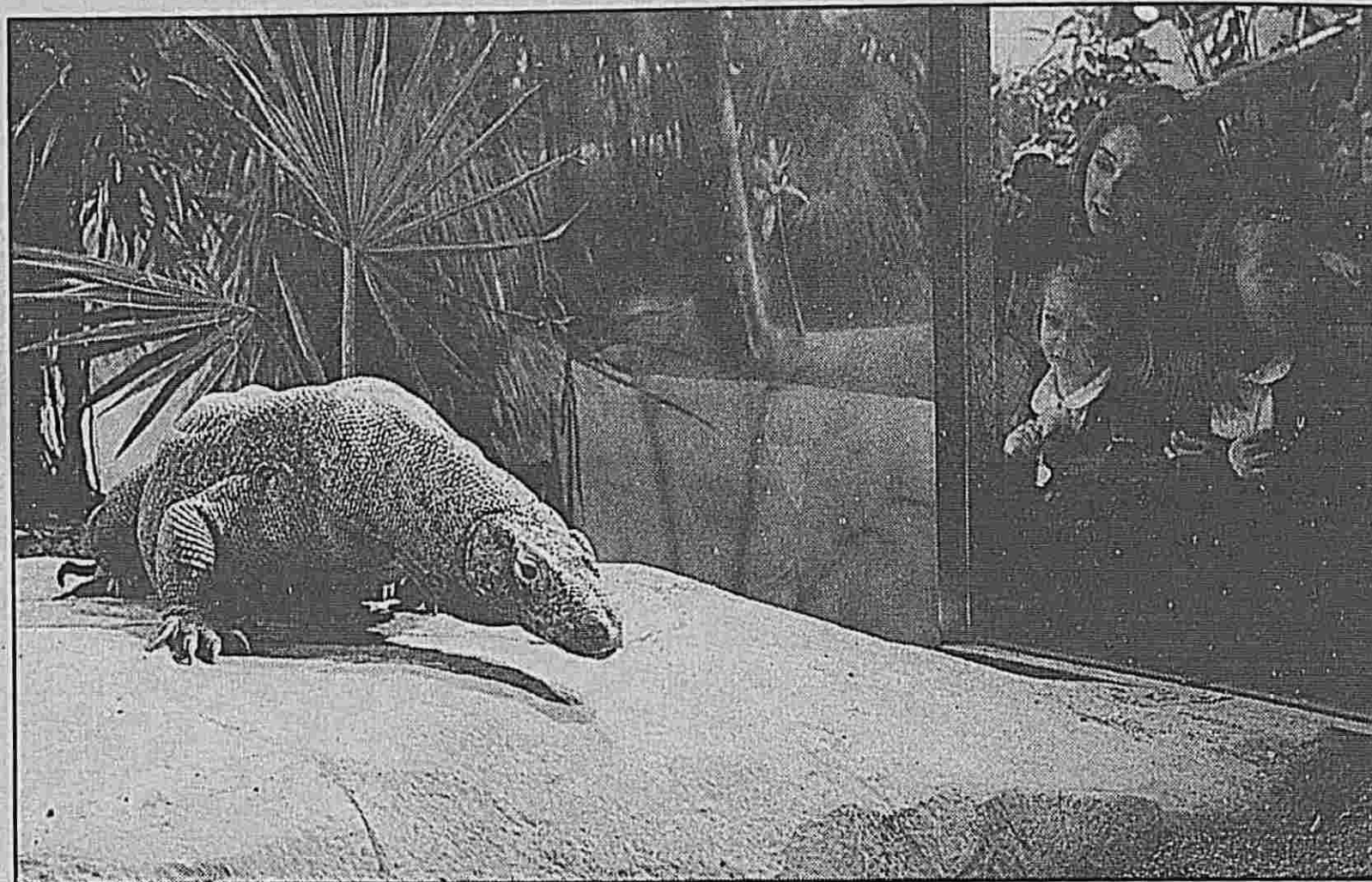


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The Komodo Dragon, known as "Oras" by the natives of the Indonesian islands where the Komodo Dragon is found, can reach up to 9 feet and 150 pounds.

Leapin' lizards

Komodo King rules at Shedd Aquarium

By DANI SCHWEIGERT
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CHICAGO - From geckos to anoles, and of course the 120-pound Komodo Dragon, the new "Lizards and the Komodo King" exhibit at the Shedd Aquarium is filled with leaping lizards who are sure to entertain and please viewers of all ages.

On a recent trip to the Shedd Aquarium, children stood in line with their parents, anxiously tugging at their mother's hand as they waited to see what was inside.

"Mom, when do we get to see the lizards?" they asked repeatedly.

"Soon, don't worry," was the familiar reply.

Once inside, it was difficult to tell who was more excited, the parents or the children. Every participant seemed to look on in amazement at the reptiles behind the glass cages. Parents held their children up to the glass, pointing to the lizards and reading the information provided near each cage. As viewers walked past the various chameleons, dragons and monitors, the air was filled with "oohs" and "ahhs," and children's laughter could be heard throughout the room.



Check it out

- The exhibit will be open through Feb. 28, 2007.
- Advance tickets are recommended and are on sale through Ticketmaster at (312) 559-0200
- Contact the Shedd Aquarium at (312) 939-2438, or visit online at www.sheddaquarium.org

Whether it was the Crocodile Monitor, the Basilisk, or the Frilled Dragon that caught the viewers' eyes, there was no doubt the main attraction of the exhibit was the king himself, the Komodo Dragon.

Participants looked around at all the reptiles, but when they came to the large glass enclosure with the Komodo Dragon, they seemed to stop and gasp, looking around to make sure everyone they were with saw him, too.

One of the young children enjoying the exhibit was Joshua Gonzalez, a Chicago resident who has had a love of reptiles for as long as he can remember.

"I came to see the Komodo

Dragon, of course," Gonzalez said with a smile. "It's not every day you see a Komodo Dragon in Chicago."

Although Gonzalez has researched reptiles, he said he and Chicago resident Nadie Bahena, who joined Gonzalez at the exhibit, still learned new information about the animals, thanks to the sheets of information, videos and interactive displays provided by each cage.

"I learned a lot of things. I haven't seen a lot of those [reptiles] before," Bahena said. "It was interesting to find out where the Komodo Dragon lives and how the young climb up in the trees to get away from predators and adult Komodo Dragons."

The Komodo Dragon displayed at the "Lizards and the Komodo King" exhibit was loaned to the Shedd Aquarium from the Fort Worth Zoo in Texas and is native to the islands of Komodo and Rinca in Indonesia. The Komodo Dragon is the largest lizard in the world, reaching up to 9 feet and weighing up to 150 pounds. It can eat enough meat to equal 80 percent of its body weight, which is how this animal earned the reputa-

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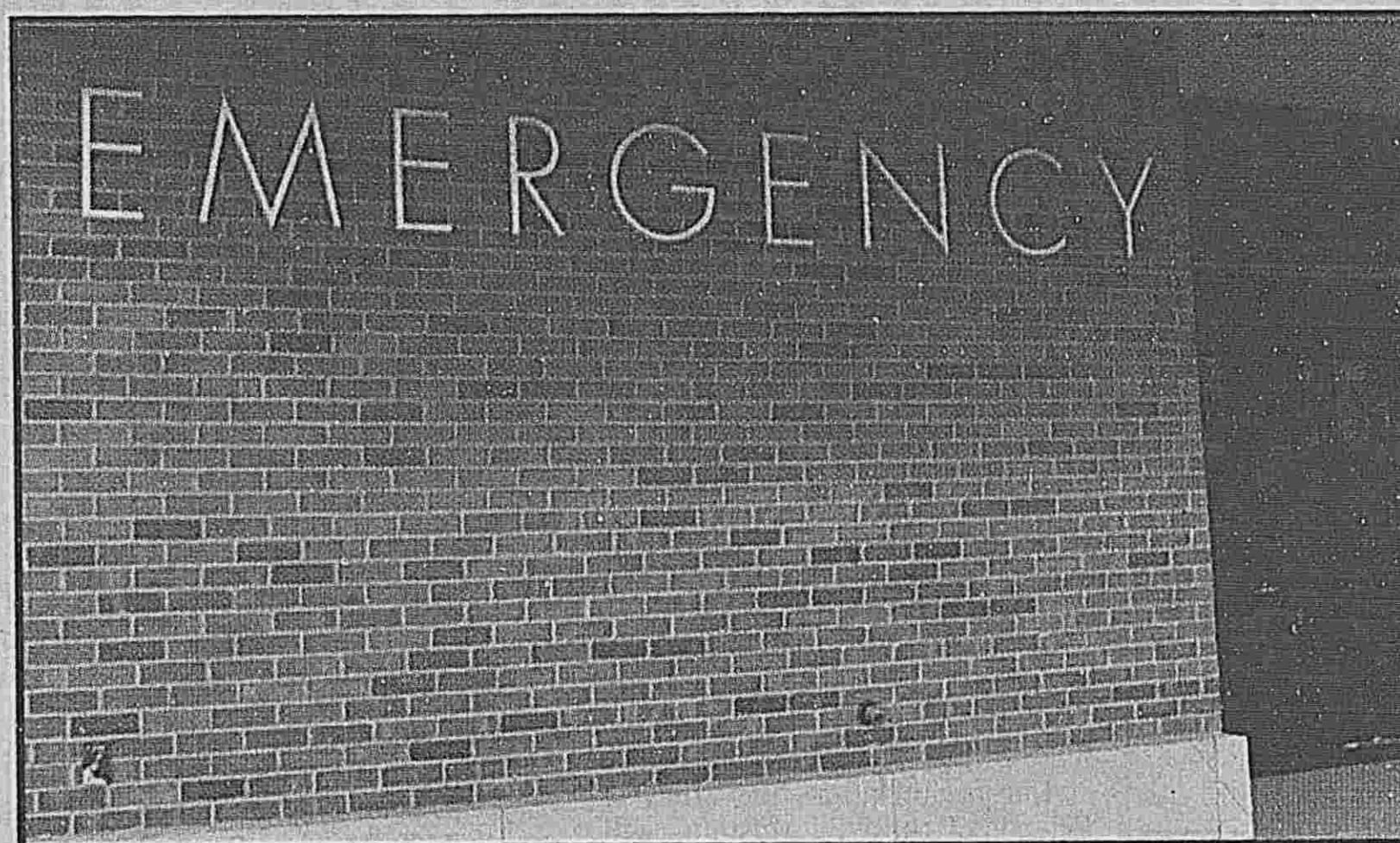
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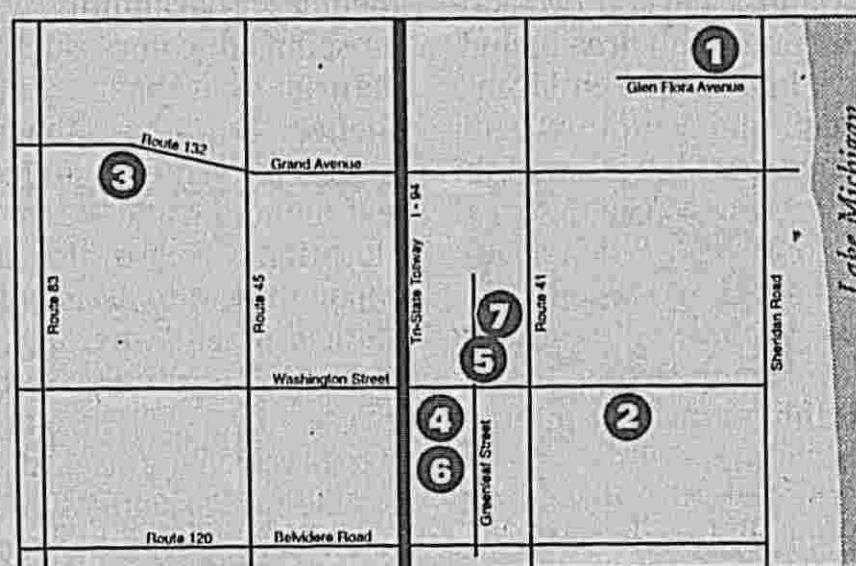
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Intelligent Design and beyond

Barn discussion to sift through creation debate

By **TARA CLIFTON**

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GRAYSLAKE – Intelligent design. This concept has been a point of debate among scientists, religious leaders and everyone in between.

The Byron Colby Barn and Common Ground are teaming up to host a discussion that will help residents sift through the arguments and make up their own minds.

Jim Kenney, of Common Ground, will speak on "Evolution, Creationism and Intelligent Design: Whither Science?" from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, at the Byron Colby Barn, 1561 Jones Point Road.

Stan Rosenberg, manager of the barn, said the event is the second in a series of informational gatherings the barn is holding. Rosenberg said the meetings will center on lifelong learning, focusing on topics that people can use to better their lives. Rosenberg said he hopes the series will be continual.

Common Ground is a center for people to explore religious, philosophical, spiritual and cultural traditions, and how they relate to individuals and the world as a whole.

Tickets to the "Intelligent Design" discussion cost \$12 at the door.

For more information, call (847) 489-5077.

Making a mustang home

Woman attempts to establish Lake County sanctuary for horses

By **KATHY GRESEY**

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Skokie resident Debbie Levine has a passion for horses.

That passion may soon present itself in public form, if Levine is successful in her attempts to establish a wild mustang sanctuary in Lake County.

Last February, Levine presented her ideas for a sanctuary to the Lake County Forest Preserve Board. Her organization, the Midwest Friends of the Wild Mustang, will host its first public fundraiser in September.

Levine said the public probably has no idea what is happening to some of the nation's wild horses.

"[The horses] need to be protected," Levine said. "I don't think people know what is going on."

Today, Levine is trying to find a home for these unprotected animals.

South Dakota

It was while visiting a wild mustang sanctuary in Hot Springs, S.D., that Levine said she truly fell in love with the mustang.

She had done research on the animals prior to her trip, which she took with her 11-year-old son, Matt.

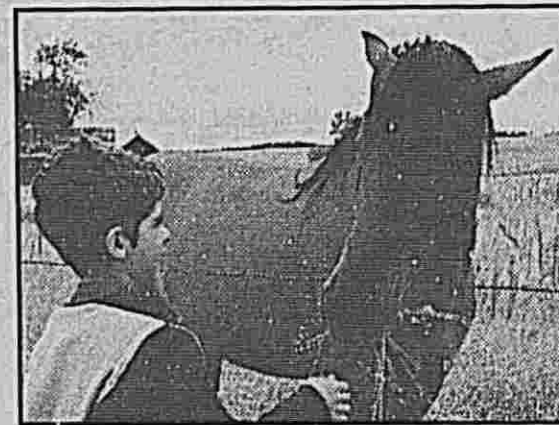


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Matt, 11, feeds Don Juan, an actual direct descendent of the Spanish mustang bloodline. Wild mustangs may soon find a home in Lake County.

Levine said it was through her research that she learned that many mustangs are being sent to slaughter houses, and that their numbers are dwindling.

"Today we find ourselves facing a critical time in the history of the wild horse," states her Web Site, www.midwestfriendsofthewildmustang.com. "America's wild horses and burros are once again facing extinction."

During her visit to the 11,000-acre sanctuary in South Dakota, Levine said the idea for an Illinois-based sanctuary really began to take shape.

"That [visit] kind of drove the point home," Levine said.

Now she is trying to raise capital monies to fund the mustang project. Her Web site states it could take three years to raise the \$3 million dollars needed to establish the sanctuary.

Lake County

Levine said Lake County's aggressive approach to land conservation is one of the reasons she selected it as a sanctuary possibility.

She said the sanctuary could be an excellent educational facility and tourist attraction for northern Illinois.

"I believe in all my heart it would be a good fit," Levine said.

When Levine approached the Forest Preserve Board in February, she said there was some interest in the project.

"They need more information," Levine said.

She added that about 100 to 200 acres would be needed for an ideal sanctuary, which could include a museum, internships with local veterinary schools and walking trails.

"I want it to be something for the community as well as something great for the mustangs," Levine said.

Currently, Levine is researching foundations that may help her cause.

A single parent who works full-time, Levine said she spends hours working on her sanctuary project.

She said only time will tell if it will become reality in Lake County.

● Omission

In the June 2 edition of LakeLife the picture of the august drummer Tim Good was omitted from the cover because it was accidentally deleted from the Journals' photo server.

The Journals regrets the omission.

Pictures and information about the august can be viewed online at www.theaugust.com.

Exhibit offers chance to grow outdoors

Local parents now have a chance to take their children on an outing that allows them to expend energy as if at recess while learning as if in science class.

Habitat Park, a two-acre outdoor exhibit area including a landscaped children's garden and sculpture trail, opened on May 23 at Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., in Glenview.

The exhibit features a secure, fenced-in outdoor space, complimented with winding paths and interactive sculptures.

The exhibit allows children to safely explore the exhibit's various habitats, in-

cluding indigenous plant and animal life. It appeals to young children, their families, caregivers and teachers.

The year-round exhibit includes programming with museum educators, such as natural scavenger hunts, shelter building, shadow games, parachute play, tree-leaf matching and insect explorations. There also are opportunities to assist with outdoor care-taking.

Nine children's sculptures by Chicago-area artists reside in the garden.

Habitat Park offers interactive art experiences to enhance outdoor exploration

and discovery, such as a weaving station.

Plenty of opportunities for building fun are provided in the three 52-inch digging areas, which are filled with sand and stocked with safe, developmentally-appropriate sand toys. Flat slate and cement pieces are designated as "water painting" stations.

Kohl Children's Museum, which opened its new \$18.1 million world-class facility in Glenview in October 2005, now offers 17 interactive hands-on exhibits designed exclusively for children from birth to 8 years old.

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McHenry Drive-In still going strong

By GREGORY HARUTUNIAN
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McHENRY – The things that made drive-in theaters popular in the 1950s are the same things that keep them surviving into the summer of 2006. Family atmosphere, movies shown outdoors under the night stars, food from the concession stand, and as baseball maven Bill Veeck Jr. once noted, "That rich feeling of being alive."

Welcome to the McHenry Drive-In Theater, which still is going strong since opening in 1969 under the same owners, Rhyon Holdings. Located at the intersection of Chapel Hill and Lincoln roads in McHenry, it holds a unique distinction as one of the last surviving drive-in theaters in northern Illinois.

"We still have teenagers trying to sneak onto the grounds by hiding in the car trunk, and couples that participate in that age-old drive-in tradition of steaming up the windows," said David Schultz, the theater's manager. "I've been doing this for 29 years, and I wouldn't trade a minute of it for anything."

Schultz, the former manager of the Grayslake Outdoor Theater, has seen the entertainment trends take their toll on a once-flourishing industry. The summer



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The movie, "Over the Hedge," begins at the McHenry Drive-In Theater, one of the last remaining drive-in theaters in the state.

weeknights and weekends saw packed houses during the 1970s, until attendance began to decline around 1985 with the emergence of VHS/Beta home taping systems.

The roll-call of area drive-in theaters

that closed over the years, for reasons tied to a dwindling economic base, include those in Waukegan, Grayslake, Rockford, Crystal Lake, the "Route 53" near the Palwaukee Airport, Wheeling and the Mid-Line near the Kenosha-

Racine border in Wisconsin. "The Keno Outdoor" on Sheridan Road in Kenosha, the "Route 64" by St. Charles and the McHenry Drive-In have survived to witness a revival of sorts, and maintain a link to the past.

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A deal with the devil

'Omen' has same chills as original

By PAM & GEORGE O. SINGLETON

Newly appointed U.S. Ambassador to England Robert Thorn (Liev Schreiber) gets his position because of the unfortunate death of his boss, as well as his close personal and political connections to the President. Based on a current religious prediction by the Vatican, the Anti-Christ soon will be born in human form. According to the Book of Revelation, he will have the objective and means to make Armageddon a near-term reality.

In the hospital, Thorn's wife Katherine (Julia Stiles) gives birth, and he's told there are complications. Thorn is relieved to hear she is doing OK, but distressed to learn their baby has died. When he tells the priest delivering this grave news that the child "meant everything" to Katherine, Thorn sets a trap for himself and his wife by accepting another baby, whose mother, he is told, has died. He does not share this fact with Katherine.

The Thorn family lives a privileged life, until Damien's (Seamus Davey-Fitzpatrick) fifth birthday party, where his nanny commits suicide by hanging herself as she says to the large gathering, "Damien, I did it for you," with a bright smile on her face. Later, when on a trip to the zoo, the animals seem to be afraid of Damien, and we see Damien is starting to spread his evil spirit.

Katherine's efforts to find a new nanny do not go well, until Mrs. Baylock (Mia Farrow) arrives. She's perfect, perhaps too perfect. We hear her whisper in Damien's ear that she is here to protect him — even from his parents, if necessary.

Mrs. Baylock brings what can be described as a huge, snarling hound from hell into the house without checking with the family, and the dog barely misses attacking Thorn



Photo provided

Seamus Davey-Fitzpatrick stars as Damien in "The Omen," a remake of the 1976 classic.

The Omen

Liev Schreiber Robert Thorn
Julia Stiles Katherine Thorn
Mia Farrow Mrs. Baylock

Directed by John Moore
Remake of classic horror film
Rated R
20th Century Fox
Running time: 110 minutes

when he comes in to kiss Damien goodnight.

Damien has an acute aversion to churches, naturally, and when the family is to attend a ceremony in a cathedral — let's just say all hell breaks loose as the Thorn's car approaches. Dark clouds are indeed forming.

Meanwhile, Father Brennan (Pete Postlethwaite) urges Thorn to listen seriously to his warnings of doom related to Damien. Father

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Cars (G) 1:10, 3:45, 6:20, 8:55

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Sa Only 3:20, 5:50, 8:20

The Break-Up (PG13) 11:40, 2:05, 4:30, 6:55, 9:20

The Break-Up (PG13) 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05
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Sa Only 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05

The Break-Up (PG13) 1:10, 3:35, 6:00, 8:25

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● New to DVD



Photo provided

Josh Lucas stars as Coach Don Haskins in "Glory Road," which is new to DVD.

Glory Road (PG): This is a historic tale of Texas Western Coach Don Haskins (an expert turn by Josh Lucas) and the first racially integrated NCAA basketball team, which broke new ground in the division and went on to win the national championship in 1966.

The film focuses single-mindedly on the racial tensions black players faced both on the team and in the division itself. This is a by-the-numbers, feel-good film that, a good amount of the time, seems like a been there, seen that proposition.

However, there are two real movie stars at its center. Crystal-clear, blue-eyed Josh Lucas, who's really come into his own after living down the Matthew McConaughey comparisons, creating a marvelous, hard-nosed final reel face-off with a towering Jon Voight as University of Kentucky's Coach Adolph Rupp.

It's as much a man-to-man showdown as a team against team spectacle, with Haskins historically playing five black players against Rupp's five whites, and Lucas is particularly strong and commanding.



Photo provided

Security specialist Jack Stanfield, played by Harrison Ford, tries to protect his family, wife Beth (Virginia Madsen) and son Andy (Jimmy Bennett) in "Firewall."

• Review provided to Reel Movie Critic by Lee Shoquist.

Firewall (PG-13): Jack & Beth (Harrison Ford and Virginia Madsen, of "Sideways") live an idyllic life in Seattle in a home she designed. The house has a killer view of Puget Sound. They have two children, a boy, eight, and a 14-year-old daughter with the prerequisite bad attitude.

Their lives change when a gang led by Bill (Paul

Bettany, who plays another bad guy, Silas, in "The Da Vinci Code") kidnaps Beth and the kids.

They will be killed unless Jack, the VP of Security at Landrock Pacific Bank, transfers \$100 million to an offshore bank account.

Close calls, hi-tech wizardry and computer manipulation, along with a couple of interesting twists, buoy the all too familiar plot along until Jack and Beth save the day.



'Omen' presents some jump-out-of-your-seat moments

• OMEN

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Brennan has a dire prediction of what Damien will do regarding his mother and father.

Keith (David Thewlis) is a press photographer, and over time he notices strange phenomena regarding the first nanny and Father Brennan, which serves as a predictor of death. Thorn is leery of both Keith and Father Brennan, yet something about what they say and why they are so persistent manages to get his attention.

This remake from 1976 has many of the same thrills and chills as the original. The special effects when victims die are similar to the "Final Destination" movies, in that the drama is not in who will be killed, but how fate will bring it to pass. The movie does a nice job of making religious mumbo jumbo sound logical, as it explains why certain cataclysmic events are linked to passages in the

Bible.

The way various incidents play out among the film's characters have a ring of truth to it that exceeds "The Da Vinci Code." Although we were never fully comfortable with Julia Stiles in her role, Liev Schreiber, Mia Farrow (possessing a sweet creepiness that turns virulent), Postlethwaite and Thewlis more than made up for her.

There are a few very good, jump-out-of-your-seat moments (making this a good date pic) that, along with the story, make the unbelievable sort of believable. As with the original "Omen," we see a sequel coming. Robert and Katherine Thorn are pawns, novitiates in the ultimate religious game for the power to rule the earthly kingdom. Satan's son will be positioned to ascend the throne when he is ready.

Besides, with a film that opens on June 6 of 2006 (666), it seems to be pre-ordained.



● Still Playing

An Inconvenient Truth: PG
Over the Hedge: PG
United 93: R
The Break-Up: PG-13
The Da Vinci Code: PG-13

Mission: Impossible III: PG-13
Poseidon: PG-13
RV: PG
X-Men: The Last Stand: PG-13

● Opening this week

Cars (G): Walt Disney can be counted on for kid friendly movies, and this one is no exception. Disney has teamed with Pixar to create a film that should appeal to both kids and adults.

Even though the movie's big-eyed, childish looking characters might lead you to think this is only for the rug rat set, it will appeal to adults because of the love affair that develops with a drive out west on Route 66.

Adults will be pleased as they reminisce about what is missed from a time when travel was through towns with varying character, rather than national fast food chains within a few hundred feet of expressway exits.

Lightning McQueen (voiced

by Owen Wilson) is the most prominent driver on the race circuit. He loves being a big shot. McQueen is in a competition in which the winner will get a huge contract with the sport's richest racing promoter. Not only that — he would replace The King (Richard Petty). What could be sweeter?

The race ends in a tie, and McQueen must travel to California to compete in a tiebreaker.

Taking Route 66, he ends up trapped in a town one step away from the ghost category. By the time he gets to California, McQueen's outlook on life and himself has changed for the better.

"Cars" also stars Bob Costas, Paul Newman and Larry The Cable Guy.

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the LOVE you
best at all
times with you
Love Jacomore

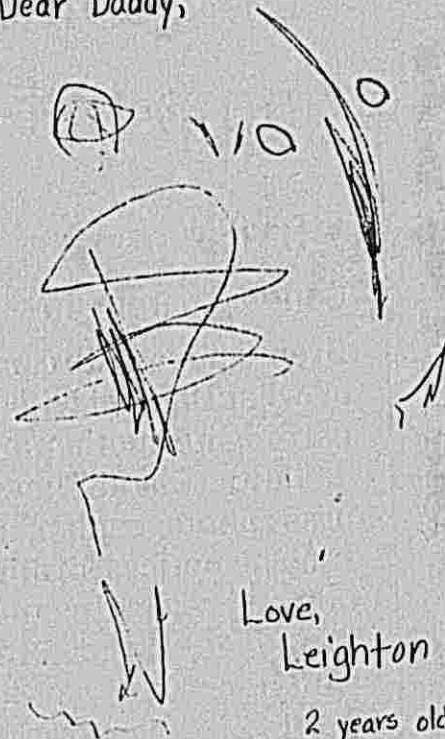
Age 6 years old

Dear Dad, I like playing
matching games
with you.
happy Fathers
Day

Love Caitlyn

Age 6 years old

Dear Daddy,



Love,
Leighton

2 years old

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DEAR DAD HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY
thank you for my skate
board pins karate go to
the skate board.

LOW JASON

Age 7 years old

derm. Dad I like
you. you give me
toys.

Age 7 1/2 years old

Happy Fathers Day. I hope you enjoy
your day today. I love you. When
are we going bowling again?
How did you like the present that
I gave you? I hope you liked it.

Dear Dad,

you are the best dad
ever because you
get us ice cream and
you get us toys

Love,
Payal

Age 8 years old

Dear Dad
Happy Fathers Day I like
to go to the park with you Kristy

Dear Dad have a day!
I love you! Love, Jennifer

Age 7 1/2 years old

Dear Dad,

Sylvia

I love you. Thank
you for the 4 wheeler you got
us and we can ride together.
Love, PETER

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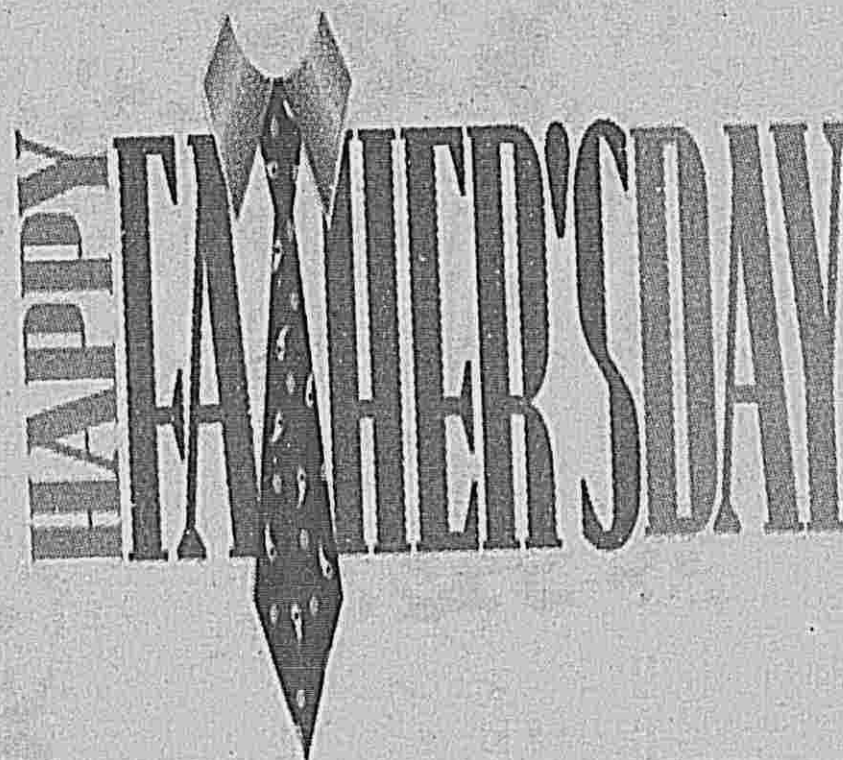
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4 1/2

Daddy, Thank you for Christmas,
waterpark and Zoo.
Love, ETU
Emily 3 1/2

Happy Father's Day,
Thank you for your name,
birthday and toys.
Love, Hannah 2 1/2

Dear Dad Happy Father's Day!
You're the best dad ever in the whole way world
I love you dad.
You're the nice dad ever.
Thank you dad for taking me
to the park.
Dad please can you buy a cat.
please don't buy a dog.
Thank you dad for buying
me toys for my birthday.
Dad thank you for buying
me a cream.
You're the funest dad
ever.
Thank you for taking
me to the beach.
Thank you for cleaning
my room ever day.
Thank you for going
fishing with me.

Love Brittany

Age 7 years old

Daddy,
Happy Father's Day! Thank you
for sunshine my cat and Twinkle
Little Stars.
Love, ABIL
Alli 3 1/2

Daddy,
Thank you for taking me out
for chicken. I Love You.
Love CHLOE

Dear dad happy Father's Day!
I love you. I hope you like your
presents. I love to play
baseball and football. I hope you
will have a lot of fun.
Mom will give you something
great. If you can make it
can you take us bowling,
a the batting cages and
golfing it will be fun. You are
the best I love so much.
love Shawn

7 years old

Dear Daddy,
Thanks for taking me to
the soy game. Go Sox!
Love Nicole

Age 6 years old

Dear Dad Have a Happy
Father's Day and
I love when you buy me cream
and I love you dad and I love when
you buy me toys Love Sierra

Age 7 years old

Dear Dad,
I thank you for taking
me to the Sox game. I
had fun.
I thank you for being
a great father.

Love,
Danielle
Age 8 1/2 years old

Dear dad
love you. You
are the best
father love Brandi

Age 6 1/2 years old

Love Richie
Dear Dad I
love you. You are
so cool. You are
the best Dad in
the world. You
always play with me.
Oh thanks Dad
for letting me
drive the little
motorcycle.

Age 7 years old

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Award-winning food writer and Southern California resident Diane Rosen Worthington has updated "The California Cook" with a new edition, "The New California Cook." (Chronicle)

It includes some 200 innovative recipes, including many that celebrate seasonal produce. She revisits some signature dishes and shares new discoveries, including one for Three-Cheese Macaroni with Caramelized Leeks, Prosciutto and Peas — a surefire winner.

"You don't have to live in California to be a California cook," Worthington writes. "What you need is a California spirit."

She interprets that as having "a sense of adventure about food and a wish to reinterpret familiar dishes with unexpected twists."

If you decide to make the macaroni dish ahead of time, note that it can be based up to two days before use, covered and refrigerated. Once brought to room temperature, re-heat it in a 350-degree Fahrenheit oven for 20 minutes. Cover it with aluminum foil to prevent the top from burning.

Three-Cheese Macaroni with Caramelized Leeks, Prosciutto and Peas

(Serves 6)

Butter for pan

CARAMELIZED LEEKS:

3 tablespoons olive oil
6 leeks, white and light green parts only, cleaned and finely chopped
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 tablespoon salt
3 cups dried macaroni (about 3/4 pound large elbow macaroni)
1/4 pound sliced prosciutto, finely chopped
1 cup frozen baby peas

SAUCE:

3 tablespoons unsalted butter
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour or Wondra flour
3 cups warm milk or half-and-half

2 cups shredded pepper-jack cheese
2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground white pepper
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

TOPPING:

1/2 cup bread crumbs, preferably Japanese panko crumbs
1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into tiny pieces

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. Butter an 8-inch square or 9-by-11-inch baking dish.

To make the leeks, heat the olive oil in a large, non-aluminum skillet over medium-high heat. Add the leeks and sauté, stirring frequently, for about 15 minutes, or until well softened and nicely caramelized. Season with salt and black pepper to taste. Transfer to a large mixing bowl. Set aside.

Bring a large pot of water to a rapid boil and add the salt. Add the macaroni and stir to separate. Cook over high heat until al dente, 5 to 7 minutes, or according to package directions, stirring occasionally. Drain well. Place the macaroni in the bowl with the leeks and toss. Add the prosciutto and peas, and toss again. Set aside.

To make the sauce melt the butter in a large saucepan over medium-low heat. Sprinkle the flour over the butter and whisk to mix well. Cook, stirring constantly, for about 2 minutes, or until the flour is well absorbed and the mixture is gently bubbling and golden.

Gradually add the warm milk, continuing to whisk constantly, and bring the sauce to a simmer over medium heat.

Continue to cook until the white sauce is smooth and slightly thickened, about 3 to 4 minutes. Add the three cheeses. Remove from the heat and whisk constantly until the cheese is completely melted. Stir in the salt, white pepper and mustard. Taste for seasoning.

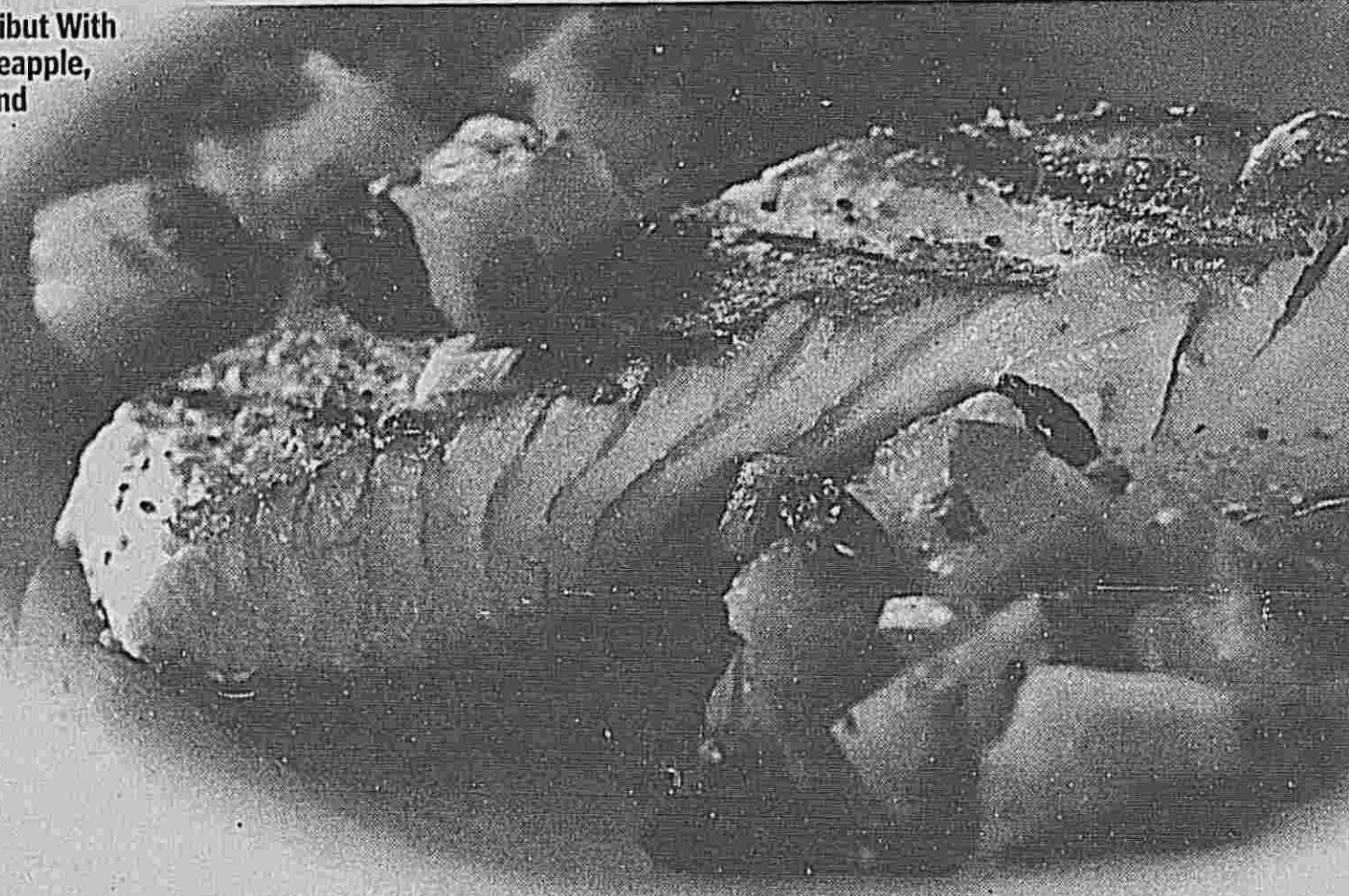
Pour the sauce over the macaroni-leek mixture and mix to evenly combine and coat the ingredients.

Place the prepared baking dish on a baking sheet. Transfer the macaroni mixture to the dish.

Make the topping: In a small bowl, combine the bread crumbs and Parmesan and mix well. Sprinkle on top of the macaroni in an even layer. Dot with the butter pieces and bake, uncovered, for 35 to 40 minutes, or until the top is bubbling, beginning to form a crust, and golden brown.

Be very careful not to let the bread crumbs burn. Let stand for at least 10 minutes before serving.

Alaska Halibut With Grilled Pineapple, Chipotle and California Raisin Salsa.



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When you reel in the flavor, you'll reel in nutritional benefits, too. Alaska seafood is a good source of high-quality protein, vitamins and minerals as well as omega-3 fatty acids, which are not found in many other foods. California raisins are fat- and cholesterol-free, high in antioxidants and an excellent source of dietary fiber.

For more recipes and information, visit www.alaskaseafood.org and www.calraisins.org.

Alaska Halibut With Grilled Pineapple, Chipotle and California Raisin Salsa

(Serves 4 to 6)

1/2 cup California raisins
1/2 cup dark rum
1 fresh pineapple, trimmed, cored and sliced 1/2-inch thick*
Vegetable oil or grapeseed oil, as needed
2 chipotle peppers canned in adobo sauce, rinsed, seeded and finely diced
Juice of 1 lime
Zest of 1/2 orange
Juice of 1/2 orange
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1 green onion, sliced
2 tablespoons finely chopped roasted red pepper
2 tablespoons finely chopped cilantro
Sea salt
4 to 6 Alaska halibut steaks or fillets (6 to 8 ounces each)
Lemon pepper seasoning, to taste

Plump raisins in rum 30 minutes; drain. Heat grill to medium-high (400°F). Brush pineapple with oil; grill until lightly caramelized on both sides. Cool slightly and cut into 1/2-inch pieces; place in mixing bowl.

In separate bowl, combine chipotles, lime juice, zest and orange juice. Whisk in olive oil vigorously. Pour over pineapple chunks, fold in green onions, red peppers, cilantro and raisins. Season with sea salt, to taste. Set aside.

Brush halibut with oil. Grill just until fish is opaque throughout, turning once during cooking. Season with lemon pepper and serve with salsa.

* Two cans (15 ounces each) sliced and drained pineapple may be substituted.

Nutrients per serving: 575 calories, 27g total fat, 3g saturated fat, 42 percent calories from fat, 63mg cholesterol, 43g protein, 28g carbohydrate, 3g fiber, 466mg sodium, 119mg calcium and 0.7g omega-3 fatty acids.

Baked Alaska Cod With California Raisin Sambal

(Serves 4)

2 cups (about 5 medium) shallots, sliced lengthwise
2 cloves garlic, very thinly sliced
1/3 cup very thinly sliced lemongrass (white part only)
1/4 cup peanut oil
1/2 cup California golden raisins, divided

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Savor the flavor with fish, sauces

• FLAVOR

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1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
4 Alaska cod fillets (6 to 8 ounces each)
Salt and pepper
1/4 cup chili sauce
1 small star fruit, sliced

In nonstick pan, sauté shallots, garlic and lemongrass in peanut oil until shallots soften and begin to caramelize. Remove from heat; stir in 1/3 cup raisins and lime juice. Cool slightly.

Preheat oven to 400°F. Prepare 4 squares parchment paper, 12 inches each.

Season cod fillets with salt and pepper; brush both sides with chili sauce and place in center of parchment sheets. Divide and portion sambal onto fillets. Bring edges of parchment together to form packets and fold together to seal.

Transfer packets to baking sheet; bake 15 to 20 minutes, just until fish is opaque throughout. Serve cod topped with remaining raisins and star fruit slices.

Nutrients per serving: 420 calories, 15g total fat, 2.5g saturated fat, 32 percent calories from fat, 73mg cholesterol, 39g protein, 34g carbohydrate, 2g fiber, 158mg sodium, 62mg calcium, 0.4g omega-3 fatty acids.

Pan-Seared Alaska Sole With California Raisin Mousseline

(Serves 4)

1 cup California raisins

2 cups sliced leeks (about 4 whole), white and light green parts only
3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
1 package (about 1 ounce) hollandaise
Sauce mix
1 tablespoon heavy cream
1/2 teaspoon curry powder, divided
Salt and pepper
4 Alaska sole fillets (3 to 4 ounces each)
Parsley sprigs, for garnish

Soak raisins in warm water 10 minutes; drain. Sauté leeks and raisins in 2 tablespoons olive oil until leeks are soft, about 5 minutes. Set aside and keep warm.

Prepare hollandaise sauce mix according to package directions. Add heavy cream and 1/4 teaspoon curry powder; season to taste with salt and pepper. Cover and keep warm.

Heat heavy nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add remaining olive oil and sole fillets to pan and cook, uncovered, about 2 minutes, until browned. Gently turn fillets and cook 1 to 2 minutes more, just until fish is opaque throughout. Season fillets with salt and pepper.

To serve, place leeks on serving plate and top with fillets and sauce.

Sprinkle with remaining curry powder and garnish with parsley sprigs.

Nutrients per serving: 533 calories, 30g total fat, 13g saturated fat, 50 percent calories from fat, 107mg cholesterol, 25.5g protein, 44g carbohydrate, 2.5g fiber, 391mg sodium, 130mg calcium, 0.6g omega-3 fatty acids.

Health Beat

Sit up straight! Bodies function best with a good posture

Question: Why is posture so important?

Answer: Posture is the place from which movement begins and ends.

Good posture means better quality movement, which in turn leads to less wear and tear on joint surfaces and therefore, less pain. As we adopt a particular postural habit, such as sitting slouched with our head forward to look at a computer screen, over many months and years, our body tends to "harden" into that posture. When we stand up, we end up standing with a slouch and a forward head.

Our bodies function best in good posture. Developing good postural habits can improve not only sports performance, but also the quality of our lives by reducing muscle and joint pain caused by poor posture.

So, what does good posture feel like? Stand up, close your eyes, and notice where you feel the weight of your body. Is it even through both feet? Do you feel the weight going through the muscles at the front of the hips? Do you feel any compression in your lower back? If someone were to push gently down on your shoulders, would you buckle anywhere, or would you be as steady as a post?

Adjust yourself so you feel the weight going directly through the leg bones, rather than through any soft tissue. Many probably will have to bring the pelvis back over the heels a little more to get that feeling.

Now, slightly lift your ribcage up off of your pelvis, and let your shoulders relax down on your heightened ribcage. Do not squeeze your shoulders together in the back - if anything, think about separating them slightly from each other. Now, lift the base of the skull (top of the neck at the back) up as high as it will go without any strain. You should feel that you are as tall and as wide as you can be - that you are taking up as much space as you can. Is the weight still going through your leg bones? Notice how long you feel, and

how tension is supporting your body rather than compression.

Now sit down, making sure you are sitting on top of your sit bones, rather than behind them, and feel the weight go through the sit bones as you go through the same exercise above.

Set a watch or a computer to beep every 10 minutes, and check for posture. If you follow through and heed the constant reminder for about three weeks, your posture will improve.

Another great way to improve posture, when at work, is to use a Swiss Ball.

If you are less than 6 feet, you will need a 55-centimeter ball, over 6 feet, a 65 centimeter ball. Start with 10-minute increments every hour, for the first week, add more time each week. If you do not maintain good posture on the ball, you may find yourself on the floor!

If you suffer from back pain, I would not advise using a Swiss Ball as a chair.



Linda DeFever

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- Chest of drawers
- Cut into cubes
- Egg-shaped instrument
- Rummy
- May, actress
- Dark, reddish-brown color
- Certainly
- Central nervous system (abbr.)
- A sword similar to a foil
- Harold __, New Deal statesman
- Data Mgmt. Assoc.
- Canadian province (abbr.)
- Crow calls
- Maya __ artist & architect
- A gate (Arabic)
- Confederate soldier (abbr.)
- European money
- Edible bivalve
- Expression of sympathy
- Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- Anwar __, Egyptian statesman
- Puttin' on the __
- Reciprocal of a sine
- Sew
- Sprays water
- Donkey's sound
- Having two poles
- The dead body of a human being
- The goal in ice hockey
- Pour out; of wines
- Break stone

DOWN

- General's assistant (abbr.)
- Days (Spanish)
- Facial pimples
- Gather a crop
- Herbal extracts
- Genus of crab
- Radium

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- Afflicts
- Two-toed sloth
- Publicized
- Thus (Latin)
- A small Asian country
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- Bring forth young
- Scandium
- Kilocycle (abbr.)
- Hearing organ
- Popular casual attire
- English radio station
- One point west of due south
- Sound of a sheep
- Strays
- Weight unit of hydrogen
- Undo a ribbon
- Doctor
- Mexican Indian
- Air conditioning
- Police officer
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- Incline from vertical plane
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- House title (abbr.)
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HOROSCOPE

AQUARIUS

Jan 21 - Feb 18

The time is right for a little rest and relaxation, Aquarius. This is something that you should go at alone, even though you're a social person. Enjoy the time away.

PISCES

Feb 19 - March 20

You've scaled a hurdle that's surfaced recently, Pisces, and you're feeling great as a result. Apply that positive energy to your career.

ARIES

March 21 - April 20

Forget about everything you thought you knew. You're going to get a rude awakening this week, Aries. Just ride it out, and soon it'll be smooth sailing once again.

TAURUS

April 21 - May 21

You have the power to control an important situation this week, Taurus. Muster up the confidence to make some changes and implement the plan of action.

GEMINI

May 22 - June 21

Why be a wallflower, Gemini? At an event you'll attend shortly, become the life of the party. Others will flock to you as if you have a magnetic energy.

CANCER

June 22 - July 22

During this week, you'll have a hard time sitting still, Cancer. Put your nervous energy to good use by starting or finishing a project you've had your mind on lately.

LEO

July 23 - August 23

You might want to consult a family member for some financial advice, Leo. There's a purchase you're thinking of making, but now just may not be the right time.

VIRGO

Aug 24 - Sept 22

You could be getting a new housemate or a change to your living situation, Virgo. Since you are so easygoing, you probably won't have a problem adjusting.

LIBRA

Sept 23 - Oct 23

For once you can stop thinking about the future, Libra, and start living for today. Embark on a whirlwind adventure this week — making sure you bring a close friend along.

SCORPIO

Oct 24 - Nov 22

At this junction in time, a career re-focus is in order. Evaluate whether your current position is working for you, or if it might be a time for an immediate change.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23 - Dec 21

Just when you thought there couldn't be any more excitement in your life, Sagittarius, an unexpected event pops up this week. All you can do is grin and bear it.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22 - Jan 20

Stop questioning the status of your romantic involvement with a special someone. This person will stick with you through thick and thin, Capricorn. Concentrate on your future together.

Game Dork

'Da Vinci Code' no big mystery

"The Da Vinci Code" video game is partly about extremists killing because of religion. That sounds like the gist of both world history and certain modern warfare. But as you'd imagine, "The Da Vinci Code" is mostly a religious mystery based on the novel and the movie. It's also awful.

The "Code" doesn't use the voices or likenesses of Tom Hanks or other actors from the flick, but the plot and characters are on the same track. You play as a detective-type guy who looks for clues in artwork and corpse parts to uncover supposedly long-hidden secrets about Christianity. Guards of these secrets try to stop you with violence.

It's this boring: You walk around clicking one button on your hand controller to examine barely visible clues, while strolling the grounds of the Louvre and other points of interest. That means you walk-and-click stupidly forever, until you want to set fire and brimstone to the game disc.

There are puzzles to solve and a few religious henchmen to outrun, but those more exciting moments aren't enough to overcome

the tedium. Fittingly, your character randomly utters the lines, "There's nothing really relevant about this" and "I should move on, this isn't important."

I couldn't agree more. So I decided to quit playing this abomination, then catch up on another poor, if interesting, movie-based game I didn't get to review for you some months ago.



Doug Elfman

• "From Russia With Love" for the handheld PSP: I don't understand why many James Bond fans are gung ho about Sean Connery's version of 007. He was manly, but dull. Pierce Brosnan looked more the martini type. And Roger Moore was sassier seducing women with such lines as, "When one is in Egypt, one should delve deeply into its treasures."

That said, it was a cool idea that Connery's image was resurrected for a retro "From Russia With Love" game. Too bad it's mediocre. Bonds' world should

look big and grand, not small and rote. You point guns at rogues and kill, over and over. It's like a shooting gallery where bad guys pop up willy-nilly. It neither shakes, nor stirs you.

• Correction: A few weeks ago, I panned "Final Fantasy XI Online" because it was frustrating and time-consuming to even start the thing. The game demanded I input my phone number, other personal information and codes just to tap into its online abilities.

I made an error; however, when I said you have to pay \$50 a year for Xbox 360 Live's "gold" membership. You can sign up for the free "silver" membership. You still pay \$13 a month to tap into vital parts of the "Final Fantasy" gaming network. A representative for "Fantasy" claims fans of such games are used to such fees.

Whatever.

"Fantasy" costs \$50 at the store. I bet I could buy eight awesome games at a used-game store for that amount alone, not to mention what I could do with \$13 a month.

• Doug Elfman is a video game critic for the NorthWest News Group.



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LOCAL

Music workshops, performances

Kathi's Musicians Center will present student and faculty performances on July 13 at Gages Lake Bible Church, 18788 Gages Lake Road, in Gages Lake.

The children's performance will take place at 5 p.m. and the adult master class performance at 7 p.m.

The center also will hold performance and activity workshops starting the week of June 19. KMC is located at 130 Center St., in Grayslake.

For more information on the performances or workshops, call (847) 223-5726 or e-mail KFC860@cs.com.

Over the river

The PM&L Theatre, 877 Main St., in Antioch, is hosting the family comedy, "Over the River and Through the Woods."

Director Yvonne Alton's production will run at 8 p.m. on June 9 and 10, and at 2:30 p.m. on June

11. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors.

Local cast members include Jay Aufmann and Tom Hausman of Antioch, Tammy Klein of Lake Villa and Jennifer Peterson of Round Lake.

For tickets, call (847) 395-3055. Visit online at www.pmltheatre.com.

Video shoot

A live video shoot, sponsored by 2AM Recording artists 38 Acres will take place on Saturday, June 17, at the Fine Arts Auditorium in Zion.

The group 38 Acres will be asking people to join them for a live video shoot for their upcoming sophomore release due out later this year.

National extreme sports video production company Nitro Life Films will be shooting the event. An autographed guitar to be featured in the video will be given away as well.

The Fine Arts Auditorium is located at 2500 Dowie Memorial Drive, in Zion. For complete details and directions, visit online at www.38acres.com.

Music theater camp

Students attending the Gurnee Theatre Company's Summer On-Stage Academy will perform an original musical at the Gurnee Days celebration to cap off a two-week intensive musical theatre camp.

The class meets from 1 to 4 p.m. weekdays, Aug. 7 to 18. The camp meets four times at Saratoga Square, Route 21 and Washington Street, in Gurnee.

Students will perform a musical version of "Androcles and the Lion" on Saturday, Aug. 19, at Gurnee Days.

For camp registration, call (847) 775-1950 or visit online at www.GurneeTheatre.com.

REGIONAL

Art opportunity

The Custer's Last Stand Festival of the Arts is accepting applications from artists, crafts people, antique dealers, food vendors and selected retail businesses for its "Best Art Fair."

The fair will take place on June 17 and 18 in Evanston. For an ap-

plication, call (847) 328-2204 or e-mail applications @custerfair.com.

'Painted Ladies'

The 20th Annual "Chicago's Finest Painted Ladies" is starting its search for a "beauty contest" for homes.

This search for area residences and commercial properties includes properties that have been repainted imaginatively by their owners.

The search continues through the summer, with a final date to enter on Sept. 4. Homes painted after Labor Day 2005 through Labor Day 2006 are eligible.

Homes and commercial properties from Chicago and surrounding counties (Lake, McHenry, Kane, Kendall, Will and Kankakee), as well as Northwest Indiana, are eligible to enter the contest.

Entries are judged by how the paint and colors chosen were used to enhance the appearance of the property.

For more information, contact the Chicago Paint and Coatings Association at (847) 755-9850. Applications can be obtained on its

Web site, www.chicagopaint.org.

OTHER

Fannie May

Fannie May Candies is offering a contest for kids to show off their artistic skills this summer.

Kids between the ages of 6 and 14 can participate in a first-time contest to "Design the Most 'Spook-tacular' Halloween Wrapper" for Fannie May's 2-ounce milk chocolate candy bar.

The contest runs from June 1 to July 31 for residents in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity, integration of the Halloween theme and appropriateness of Fannie May's image.

The grand prizewinner will receive \$2,500 college tuition, distribution of their chocolate bar in all Fannie May retail shops and 5,000 of the chocolate bars for their school to use as a fundraiser. The winner also will be awarded \$250 in Fannie May gift cards.

An entry form and official rules can be downloaded online at www.faniemay.com.

Glamour, glitz at Brookfield Zoo

By DANI SCHWEIGERT

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The red carpet is set to roll out, the paparazzi is poised with cameras and the celebrities are ready to assemble. It may sound like just another Hollywood award ceremony, but these are far from your ordinary stars.

Brookfield Zoo is hosting its first-ever "Zoo Stars," a summer-long program where zoo-goers can meet and greet the stars of the show — the animals. The event is 12 days long, with two weekends in the months of June, July and August.

"Every year we try and come up with a new kind of theme for our summer event, and we just thought it would be kind of a fun idea for Hollywood to come to Brookfield Zoo," Ken Grzeslo, public events coordinator for Brookfield Zoo, said. "We thought some of these animals are huge stars, so we kind of ran with the concept."

Grzeslo explained another reason to bring Hollywood to the zoo is the

area in Brookfield known as the Hollywood section, and the stop on the metro line that leads to Brookfield Zoo is known as the Hollywood stop.

Every day, "Zoo Stars" will feature a different animal, educate guests about that animal and host various activities and events relating to that animal. Each day there will be various activities and events, including a ceremony where the animal of the day receives a celebrity star, just like the "real" stars at the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

"We have entertainment every day," Grzeslo said. "We're going to do a parade every day, we're going to have craft activities out on the mall and we're going to have volunteers out on the mall showing artifacts from the different animals. So every day there's something a little different, because [each day] there's a different animal [showcased]."

But if entertainment and a chance to see the animals up close

'Zoo Star' events

Saturday, June 10:

- 10:30 a.m. - Affie's 36th Birthday (elephant yard)
- 11 a.m. - West Suburban Concert Band (big band music)
- Noon - Zoo Chat (elephant yard)
- 2 p.m. - West Suburban Concert Band
- 2:45 p.m. - Zoo Chat (elephant yard)

Sunday, June 11:

- 11 a.m. - Blooze Brothers, a Blues Brothers tribute band (rock and blues entertainment)
- 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Teddy Bear Clinic
- Noon - Zoo Chat (brown bears)
- Noon - 4 p.m. - Kohl McCormick Story Bus
- 2 p.m. - Blooze Brothers performance
- 2:30 p.m. - Zoo Chat (brown bears)

Saturday, June 17:

- 10:30 a.m. - Cookie Cockatoo's 73rd Birthday (perching bird house)
- 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Meet Crocodile Hunt look-a-like Jim Bina
- Noon - Zoo Chat (perching bird house)
- 2 p.m. - Gone 2 Paradise, Jimmy Buffet "Parrothead" tribute band (rock performance)

Sunday, June 18:

- All Day - Michael Bihlmaier (chainsaw carver)
- 11 a.m. - Rock & Roll Dad (children's concert)
- Noon - Zoo Chat (Tropic World/Africa)
- 2 p.m. - Harry Hmuura (jazz and world beat)

• Parade is at 1 p.m. each day



Photo provided

A brown bear rests in the sun at Brookfield Zoo. Starting this weekend, the zoo is presenting its first-ever "Zoo Stars," which will educate guests about the animals in Hollywood-like fashion.

Brookfield Zoo hits the red carpet

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and personal are not enough of a reason to come out to the zoo, Grzeslo said there are also prizes for the children.

"The first 250 kids that come to the park at 11 a.m. and go to where the event is on our East Mall will receive a free pair of sunglasses," Grzeslo said. "We're also going to be handing out autograph books all summer long, [which] give the dates of all the different events for the summer."

Children also receive prizes for animal stamps they receive in their autograph book, such as binoculars or a cloth hat.

Although the prizes and Hollywood environment are a fun bonus, the main focus of "Zoo Stars" is to educate the public.

"The mission of Brookfield Zoo is to help people develop a sustainable, harmonious relationship with nature, and I think by having events in an educational yet fun way, future generations [will] want to see these creatures we have," Sondra Katzen, media relations manager for Brookfield Zoo, said. "Sometimes [the zoo] is the only place for people to see animals. People don't have opportunities to travel all around the world and see them, but I think by having these events and having the animals here for people to see, it brings them closer to nature and makes them want to help."

Katzen said organizing the logistics of the event may have been a challenge, but the enjoyment of watching the event succeed made the hard work worthwhile.

"It's fulfilling knowing that people are out having a great time, and having the public here enjoying the event and the smiles on the kids faces [are great]," Katzen said.

The Brookfield Zoo is located at 3300 Gold Road, in Brookfield. For more information, call (708) 485-0263 or visit BrookfieldZoo.org.

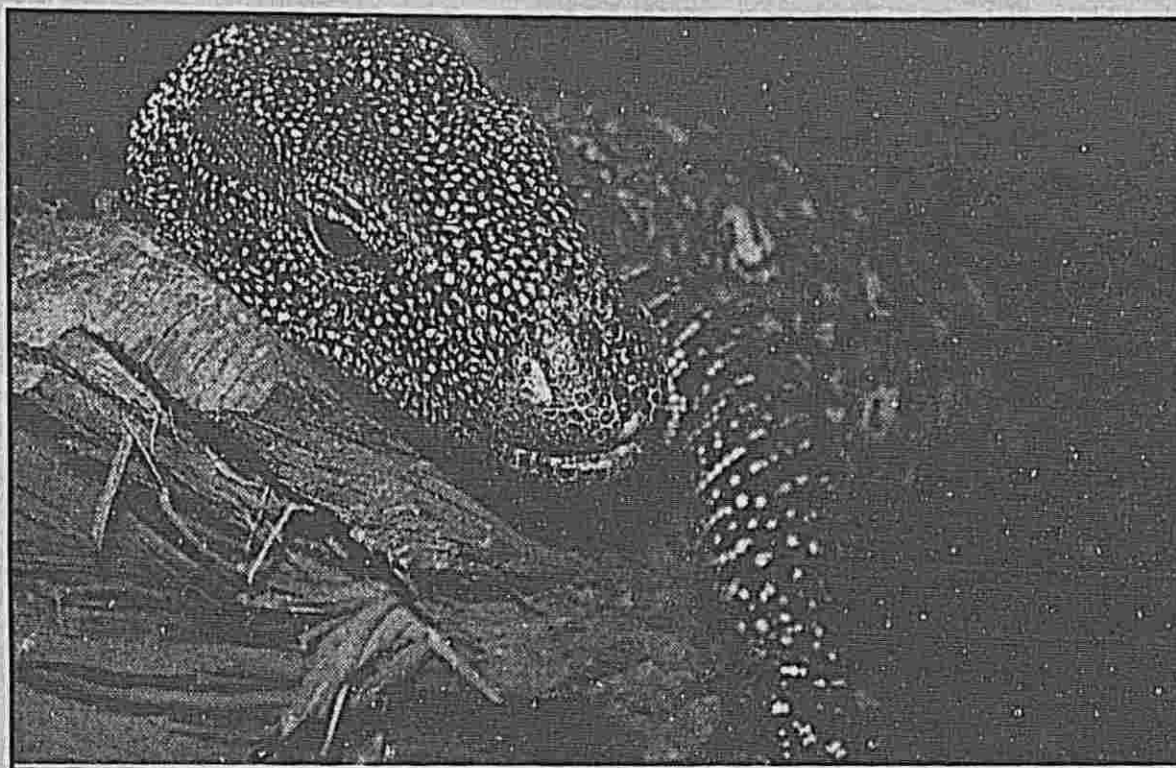


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The Crocodile Monitor is the world's longest lizard, reaching up to 12 feet.

Shedd presents lizard exhibit

• LIZARDS

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tion as the "king" of the reptiles.

The Komodo Dragon may eat large meals, but it's not without help. In the Komodo Dragon's saliva, bacteria exists that is powerful enough to cause a fatal infection to anyone or anything unlucky enough to be bit. It may seem surprising, but 10 percent of an adult Komodo Dragon's diet is young Komodo Dragons.

The name of the Komodo Dragon displayed at the Shedd Aquarium is Faust, which is based on the German-based legend of a man who sold his soul to the devil, but ultimately fell in love. Through love, Faust discovered the true meaning of life, which broke his pact with the devil. Faust was therefore believed to hold the power to control the devil.

Another reptile that was popular with viewers was the Basilisk, which is native to South America. This reptile is known as the "Jesus Christ Lizard" because of its ability to run over the surface of water. The Blue Tongued Skink, of Australia, New Guinea and Tasmania, also seemed to catch a few glances as it displayed its bright blue tongue.

The exhibit also displayed one of the only two known venomous lizards, the Gila Monster, which was provided by the Wildlife Discovery

Center in Lake Forest. This reptile is native to the Southwest United States. The only other known venomous lizard is the beaded lizard.

Another rare reptile viewers could see was the Fiji Banded Iguana, which is native to Fiji, Tonga and the islands in the South Pacific. Other anoles, chameleons, dragons and monitors also were displayed at the "Lizards and the Komodo King" exhibit.

The reptiles provided to the Shedd Aquarium came from various zoos and wildlife centers around the country, such as the Cincinnati Zoo, the San Diego Zoo, the Brevard Zoo, the Fort Worth Zoo and the Wildlife Discovery Center in Lake Forest.

Whether a passionate reptile lover or simply a lover of the Shedd Aquarium, the "Lizard and the Komodo King" exhibit certainly is unique and enjoyable.

"Most places that do reptile exhibits do snakes, frogs and lizards, but this exhibit focuses only on lizards and what they need to survive," Shedd Aquarium Collection Manager Mark Schick said. "We like to give our guests something new to see. They come to the Shedd, and there's lots of cool things here that will always be here, but we like to have an area where we can get new people interested in wildlife and animals."

Although the exhibit was created for entertainment, Schick said it is important to remember that the Shedd Aquarium hosts exhibits like this to help raise awareness of the necessity to conserve these animals.

"Once these animals are gone, they're gone," he said. "Whatever gets [the public] excited about protecting something is great, and we can teach kind of bland material in a fun fashion through a fun exhibit. It's all put together in a good package."

McHenry's drive-in still drawing crowd

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Airport in Wheeling, until it closed. My wife, Nancy, and daughter, Sierra, love coming here."

Developers also have eyed the parcel, and plans were prepared for a senior citizen complex to be built on the grounds. A lawsuit seeking a McHenry affiliation for sanitary service lines to facilitate the project never moved forward, and now negotiations have begun with Lakemoor for the same service.

"Long range, they're looking at five years, and maybe three years in the short range for this to take place," Schultz said. "We host about 1,450 cars and almost 5,550 people on a weekend, so the base is there, and people can enjoy the experience now."

The drive-in is operating on weeknights and weekends, with gates opening at 7:15 p.m., and shows beginning promptly at dusk. The double feature is even broken up with the legendary "10-Minute Clock" trailer urging patrons to visit the concession stand that has the same goodies everyone remembers: Hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza, french fries and soda.

"I'm telling everyone I know to visit the outdoor theater there before it's gone," Lakemoor Mayor Virginia Povidas said. "It's something that's vanishing from the American landscape, and we have it right here, and right now."

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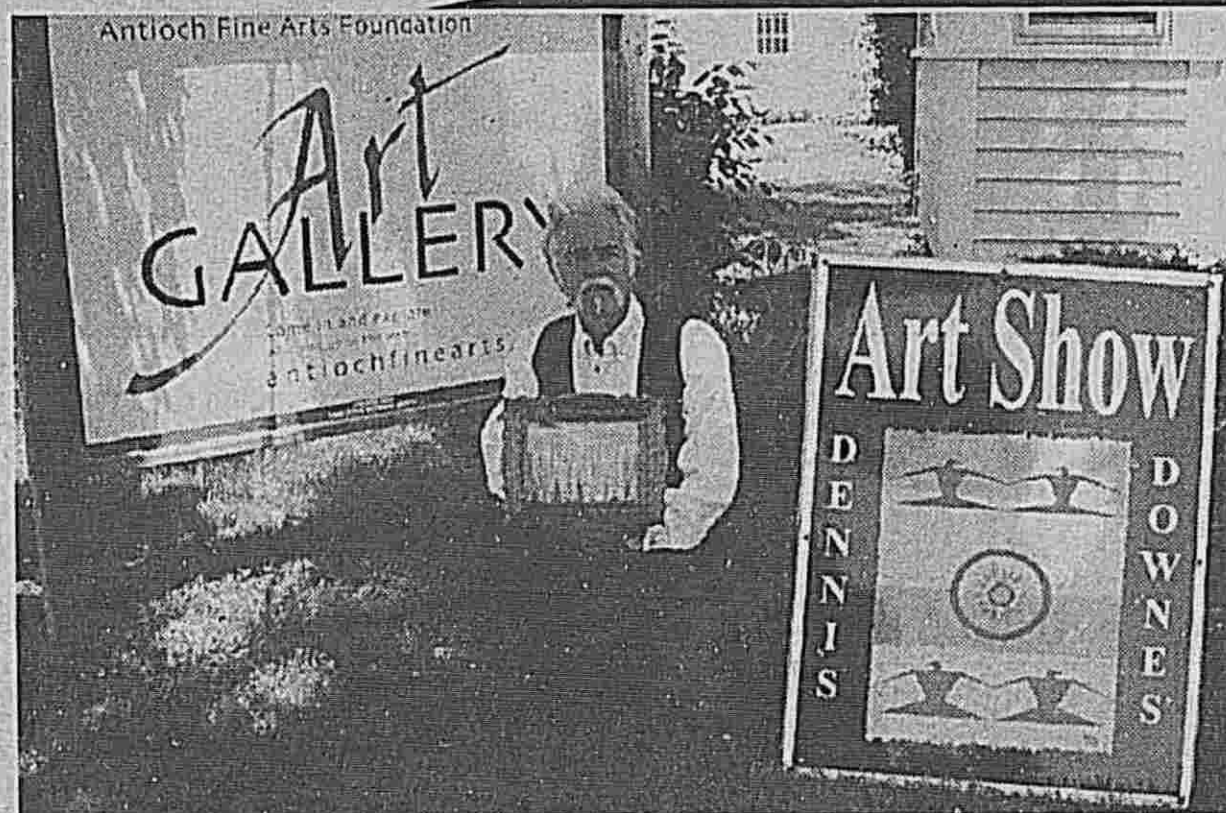
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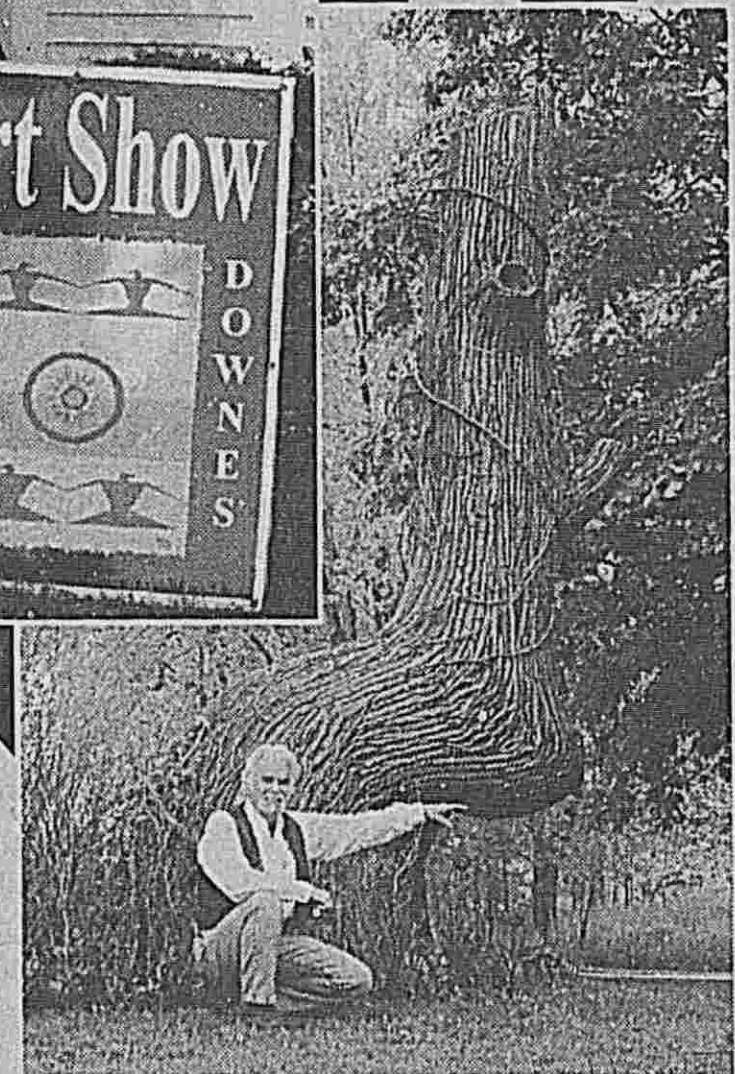
3rd Solo Dennis M. Downes Exhibit

benefiting the Antioch Fine Arts Foundation

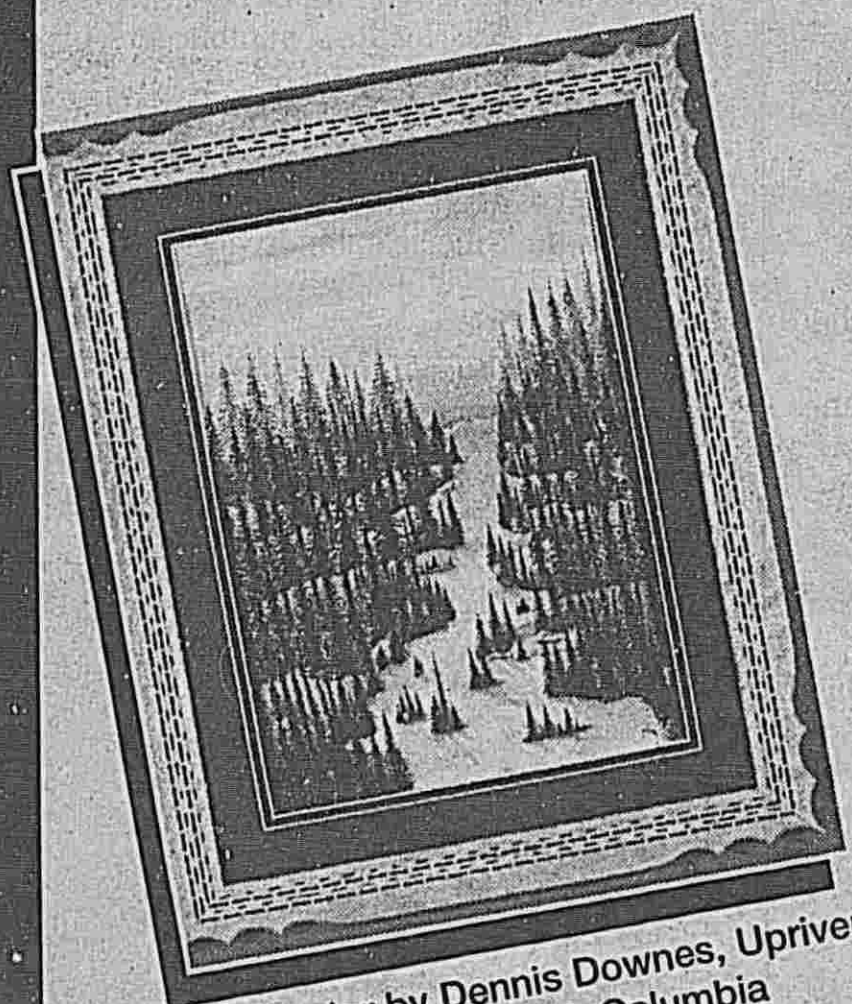
Golden, Colorado, Cougar Creek is an artist proof with handmade inlaid frame (all work done by the artist). The print will be raffled off June 30 with all proceeds being donated to the Antioch Foundation.



Antioch artist Dennis M. Downes displays the artwork he has donated to the Antioch Fine Arts Foundation.



Artist Dennis Downes with his 16 foot trail marker tree, sculpture at the Discovery museum, Lake County Forest Preserve.



Watercolor by Dennis Downes, Upriver Location Study, British Columbia

Mr. Downes has used his success over the last two decades to promote, participate, and contribute to Lake and Cook County fundraisers and benefits for a number of causes. He hopes the current show and fundraiser at the Antioch Fine Arts Foundation will benefit their programs and create support for local arts and artists.

Contributing to: October – • Soldier Field • Chicago Catholic Charities • Raised money for Veterans and Families – November – Haling's Resort, Antioch • Discovery Museum, Lake County Forest Preserve System • Share Community Services for Developmental Disabilities for Children and Young Adults – May – Fundraiser for Antioch School District 34 PTO for field trips and sports equipment • Ducks Unlimited fundraiser for Northeast Illinois • LEADS, Dedicated to Healthy Families and Drug Abuse Programs for Children – Lake County • Libertyville Firkin Breast Cancer Fundraiser put on by singer Peter Quinn • Antioch Fine Arts Foundation, gallery; fundraising, exhibit currently running through the end of June. The artist has participated in some of these events for fifteen years, raising considerable monies for Lake and Cook County causes. Mr. Downes is currently featured in the Lake County and Arts magazine. His work can also be viewed on the web at www.downesstudio.net.

Raffle tickets are \$20.00 and are available at the Antioch Fine Arts Foundation, gallery, 983 Main Street (Route 83), Antioch, IL 60002. The Gallery is open Thursday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. For more information call the gallery at 847-838-2274.

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Vice President Dick Cheney stopped in Lake County to meet with business leaders. The only politician invited was David McSweeney, who is challenging Democratic U.S. Rep. Melissa Bean in the 8th District.

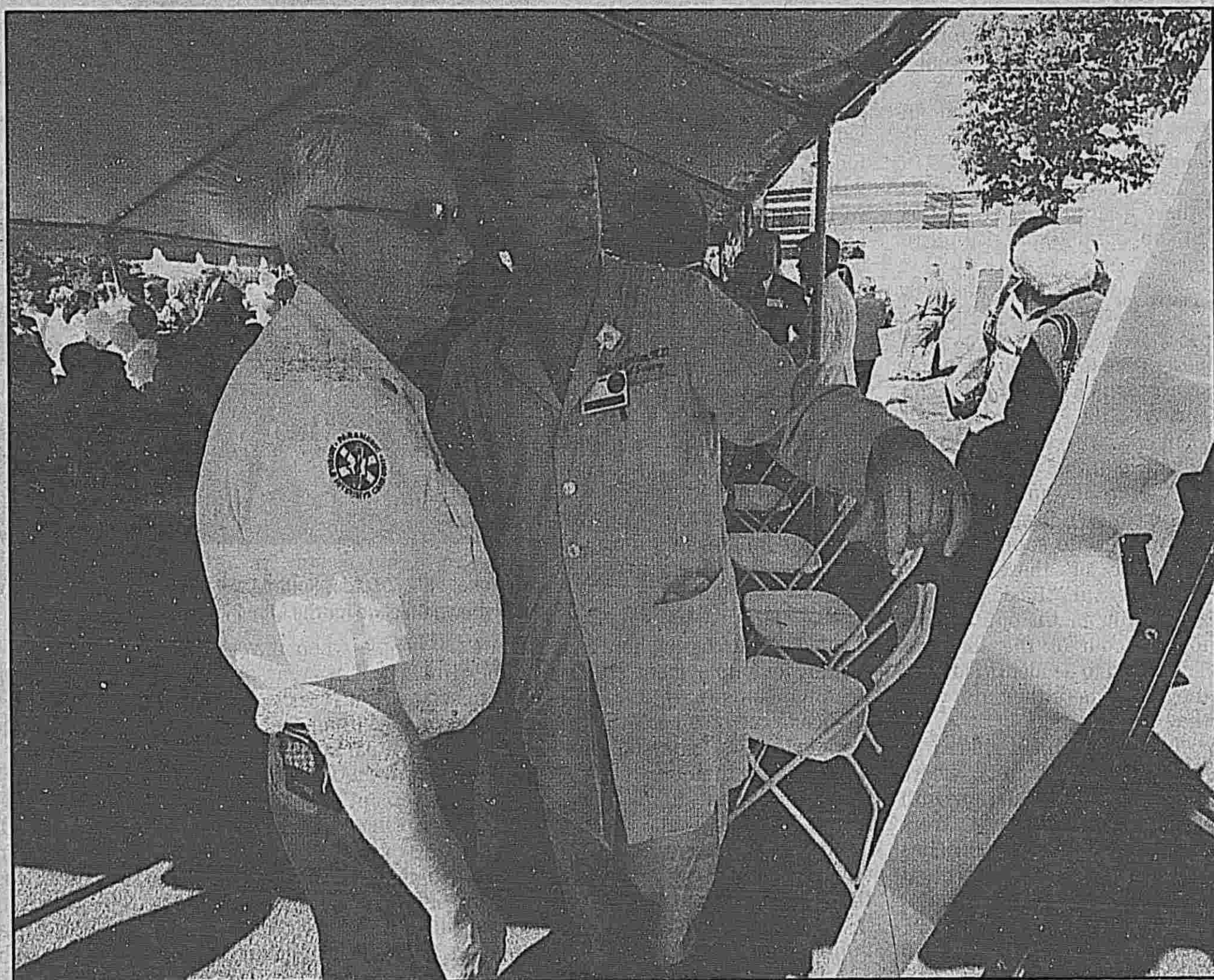
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● **Immigration**

Triple-digit growth in the Hispanic community in Lake County has brought close to home the debate over immigration.

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Tops in trauma care



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Mundelein Fire Chief Randy Justus talks with Dr. Scott Miller, chairman of the surgery department at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, about the hospital's plans to expand to a Level I trauma center.

Condell plans for county's first Level 1 trauma center

By JESSICA JACOBSEN

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LIBERTYVILLE — Condell Medical Center in Libertyville recently announced plans to become Lake County's first Level I trauma center.

Condell, currently a Level II trauma center will propose a \$25 million plan to the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board to expand its emergency department to help them reach Level I status.

At Level II, Condell already meets

many of the criteria required for a Level I and will add a 24-hour surgeon, a 24-hour operating-room staff available on site 24 hours a day and other critical services to meet Level I status.

Also, 90 private rooms will be added along with a recent proposal to the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board for 68 beds for medical and surgical expansion.

"This is something the community needs," said Dr. Mark Kadowaki, Condell trauma director during a June 5 presentation.

Kadowaki said that advancing to a Level I is important due to the critical the first hour of emergency care for trauma injuries.

"These are people we want to be able to care for without sending them out. ... Time needed to provide care is being used to transfer," Kadowaki said.

The closest Level I trauma centers are in Park Ridge and Milwaukee. Park Ridge is 23 miles south of the county line, while Milwaukee is 56 miles north.

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Immigration debate hits close to home

By MATT PERA

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Manuel Ramirez made his way through a large crowd of people in the parking lot of Holy Family Parish in Waukegan, many of them carrying Mexican or American flags, wearing T-shirts touting immigrants' rights, or circulating petitions.

Hundreds had gathered outside the church in the early-morning spring air May 1 to catch rides on buses to Chicago, where a large rally took place in support of immigration reform.

Ramirez, 36, of Waukegan, said he had taken the day off work from his job at the local post office to participate in the march, which was aimed at capturing the attention of Congress, where the House and Senate continue to search for a middle ground in the issue of immigration reform.

"We have to support the legalization of these people," Ramirez said. "Basically, they are asking for the opportunity to come out of the shadows. They need to be identified, who they are, where they are, what they do."

It is a sentiment shared by many in Lake County, where the immigrant population, with large representation from Mexico and Latin America, has grown steadily for several years.

According to the demographic overview of the 2000 Lake County Census, the Hispanic population in the county swelled from 38,570 to 92,716, or 140 percent, from 1990

to 2000.

While Congress is considering measures that will deport many undocumented workers and enact harsh penalties on businesses that employ illegal immigrants, lawmakers also are discussing legislation to develop a guest worker program and give illegal immigrants the chance to become citizens.

It is a debate that has hit close to home in Lake County, where many immigrants anxiously await the changes that will come when the House, which already has passed legislation that makes it a felony to be in the United States illegally, and the Senate, which recently approved a bill in favor of giving many illegal immigrants a chance to gain citizenship, finally reach an agreement.

Mano a Mano, a nonprofit organization based in Round Lake Park, provides assistance including English as a second language classes and job placement for immigrants throughout Lake and McHenry counties.

"We have many undocumented people coming here and looking for employment, so [the pending changes are] the only chance to get documentation to work in the U.S.," she said. "For many people, their only hope is to have documents to work here legally."

At Mano a Mano, the need for immigrant assistance and the growth of that population in Lake County is evident in the numbers.

Duque, who explained that clients in the employment program are nearly all Hispanic, said the organization served



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Dixonel Villa, 2 1/2, of Round Lake looks up to his sister, Yurizet, 8 1/2, as they wait to board buses headed to downtown Chicago for the May 1 immigration rally.

about 400 people when it was founded in 2000. Last year, she said, it served about 6,000.

Duque added that she had visited several partner companies and warehouses where nearly 90 percent of the employees were clients from Mano a Mano.

"I would think it is really, really important, the labor that these people provide to companies and factories," Duque said.

State Sen. Terry Link, D-Lake Bluff, said he agreed with Duque's assessment, but added that some of the proposed legis-

lation would also give illegal immigrants the opportunity to become legitimate citizens or participants in a guest worker program.

"I think it will have a definite effect on the work force in the county, and I think it's something that a lot of people are underestimating the magnitude of the affect it would have if individuals were deported," he said. "But, then again, if we set a guideline that will become a positive guideline ... it may alleviate a lot of these concerns."

Mano a Mano Executive

Director Maru Tomusiak compared the national debate over immigration to other landmark social struggles that have occurred in the United States, such as the women's rights and civil rights movements.

"Some [immigrants] are very hopeful that this debate is going to be constructive and unite and make us stronger and a positive solution is going to be found," she said.

• This article is the first in a five-part series examining the immigrant population in Lake County.

Former Grayslake teacher pleads not guilty to charges

Pretrial motions set for July 7

By KATHY GRESEY

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WAUKEGAN — Former Grayslake High School teacher Jason Glick pleaded not guilty when he appeared for arraignment on sex charges Thursday in 19th Judicial Circuit Court in Waukegan.

Glick, 37, was charged in April with six counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse against a 17-year-old female student. Pretrial motions will be heard July 7.

At the request of defense attorney Elliot Pinsel, Circuit Judge James Booras granted Glick 24-hour curfew modification, which he had been denied at his preliminary hearing in May.

The former English and drama

teacher now has permission to leave his home in Kenosha, Wis., between the hours of noon and 8 p.m. He is not allowed to go near Grayslake High School or the alleged victim.

Glick wanted the modifica-



Jason Glick

tion so that he could spend more time with his 1-year-old son, for whom he is the primary caretaker. Glick was granted permission to take his child to music class last month.

Assistant Attorney General Maria Kuriakos had asked the judge to deny Glick's request for curfew modification, stating that she thought reasonable modifications had been set.

"It is to protect the safety of others, especially children,"

she said.

Booras said he reserves the right to change the modification at any time. Glick is not allowed contact with anyone younger than 17.

"If there is any violation, I would impose that condition," he said. "Bond must not be oppressive."

Glick could face a maximum of seven years in prison if convicted on any of the counts against him.

LIBERTYVILLE

Seniors get set for annual party

Independence Park to host 34th day of 'recognition'

By REBECCA KLUGIEWICZ
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Seniors Day

LIBERTYVILLE — Next week, about 5,000 senior citizens will gather at a forest preserve to party.

The 34th annual Seniors Day Celebration at Independence Grove Forest Preserve, 1400 W. Buckley Road, Libertyville, will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 14.

During the free event, seniors age 55 and older can choose from a variety of activities, including pontoon boat rides, native garden tours, trails for hiking and bike riding, bingo, health screenings, free snacks and beverages, sponsor exhibits and music from the 1940s through 1960s. No registration is required.

Allison Lehn, an environmental educator and marketing coordinator with the forest preserve, said Senior Day began in 1972 as a "really simple picnic" in which seniors brought their

Free event, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, for residents 55 and older at Independence Grove Forest Preserve in Libertyville.

own lunches. The event has grown from there, with thousands of seniors from Lake County and the Chicago area attending each year.

"It's pretty much the only large seniors recognition in the area," she said.

The central location and the fact that it's at Independence Grove, the most visited of all of the Lake County Forest Preserves, adds to its popularity.

The day is meant to be a time of recognition.

"[We want] to recognize the seniors, a big group of people that deserve recognition, and to give them a big, fun day out," Lehn said.

A Look Back



Lakeland Journals file photo

With the 1976 boating season ready to officially begin, avid fishermen and boaters took advantage of mild weather to get boats in tip top shape. After being stored during the winter, boats needed engines and equipment checked and, of course, a good cleaning.

Sewer project pushed ahead in '76

30 YEARS AGO, 1976

The last steps of making the Northeast Central County sewer project a reality were under way. The advance forward came after a long hassle of approving contracts from various districts of the county ended with a 20-2 vote by the county board to allow the emergency appropriations for the \$6.5 million construction project.

County officials were in the process of meetings with construction personnel to begin

installing the lines from Hainesville Road eastward through the Grayslake and Wildwood areas to the HeatherRidge project plant in Gurnee.

20 YEARS AGO, 1986

All systems were still "go" for the July opening of the new Liberty Square shopping plaza on Liberty Street in Wauconda, according to the then-Mayor Kenneth McGill.

During an informal meeting with Don Howard, a repre-

sentative from Fritz-Duda, the Texas-based development firm for the project, McGill and then-Village Trustee Jerry Bunce learned construction plans were still moving along according to schedule.

15 YEARS AGO, 1991

Great Lakes Naval Training Center was added to a new list put out by the Base Closure and Realignment Commission as one of 36 military installations slated for possible closing.

Undercover drug-cops prepare for meth arrival

By REBECCA KLUGIEWICZ
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MUNDELEIN — Special Agent Patrick Gara doesn't look like a police officer. With his long hair pulled back in a ponytail, hat, shorts, T-shirt and sneakers, he goes undercover to buy drugs from local dealers and put them behind bars.

Gara, a Mundelein police officer "on loan" to the Illinois State Police, is a member of the Metropolitan Enforcement Group, which is comprised of officers who work undercover to stop drug trafficking in the area.

"I dress the part," he said.

The organization was formed in Lake County in 1979

and is overseen by the Illinois State Police. The group of about 30 agents mainly works in Lake County, but Gara has followed cases to Canada and California.

"It starts here, and we go wherever it takes us," he said.

According to Gara, the "epidemic" drugs in Lake County are crack/cocaine and marijuana. He said MEG officers recently found 25 pounds of marijuana in a house in Barrington, a Class X felony.

While those are the most common illegal drugs in Lake County, the group is preparing for the "inevitable" arrival of methamphetamines in the county.

"Right now I want to make

you aware of methamphetamine because it's up and coming," Gara told a group of students in the Mundelein Citizen Police Academy.

Worried about the extreme addictiveness of the drug, Gara said most meth users are addicted within six weeks. Meth labs are also hazardous.

More common downstate where there is more open area and access to chemicals used in farming, meth labs are volatile and highly flammable.

Breathing in the anhydrous ammonia freezes the liquid in the lungs and sucks the oxygen out of the body, killing people. A cloud of hydrochloric acid and "meth dust" can seep into carpets, walls and the ground.

"If there's a meth lab here in Mundelein, the property's no good forever," he said.

The Environmental Protection Agency and federal government will come in to inspect the house, and order it to be knocked down. About eight inches of the soil underneath and around the house must also be removed.

The process of manufacturing it involves many risks, including toxicity, flammable gasses, chemical burns, creating chronic illnesses and more. People should be aware of the signs of a meth lab.

"It's a terrible, rotten smell of cat urine," Gara said.

The "going rate" for methamphetamine in the area

is about \$80 to \$100 per gram, according to Gara. He said it takes about three to four hours to manufacture one ounce of the drug. There are two methods of manufacturing the drug. The red phosphorus method, which was used in the meth lab that was busted in Libertyville late last year, is the more uncommon method, according to Gara. The other method, is the birch reduction, or "NAZI dope" method, which involves ephedrine and anhydrous ammonia.

In 2004, Illinois had fewer methamphetamine labs than only four other states. It ranked fifth for most labs behind Mississippi, Iowa, Tennessee and Indiana.

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Our View

Laws shield mourners

Government prohibition of protests within range of cemeteries comes uncomfortably close to abridging First Amendment rights of free speech.

President Bush signed into law on Memorial Day a bill that bans protests near national cemeteries.

The bill was prompted by bizarre anti-war protests over U.S. tolerance of homosexuality.

The funeral protests have included derogatory yelling at mourners and large signs emblazoned with statements such as "Thank God for dead soldiers" and "God hates fags."

At least nine states, including Illinois, have approved legislation similar to the new federal law.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed Illinois' law in mid-May, three days before the funeral of Army Chief Warrant Officer Christopher Donaldson, 28, of Effingham. He was killed May 5 in combat in Afghanistan.

The federal and state restrictions are reasonable. The federal law prohibits protests within 300 feet of the entrance to a national cemetery and within 150 feet of a road leading into one. In Illinois, protesters cannot be within 200 feet of mourners at any mili-

tary funerals.

Neither law mentions a specific organization, but it is aimed squarely at the small but twisted Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kan.

Church members have been picketing military funeral services for soldiers killed in combat since last year.

Adherents believe that war deaths are God's retribution against the United States for its tolerance of homosexuals.

Westboro Baptist Church denies the severity of the Holocaust. It says tragedies such as Hurricane Katrina, the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and the south Asia tsunami are the wrath of God to punish wicked earthly ways.

Church leader Fred Phelps says he will abide by the new laws, as he did in Effingham. But he says the United States is "blatantly violating the First Amendment."

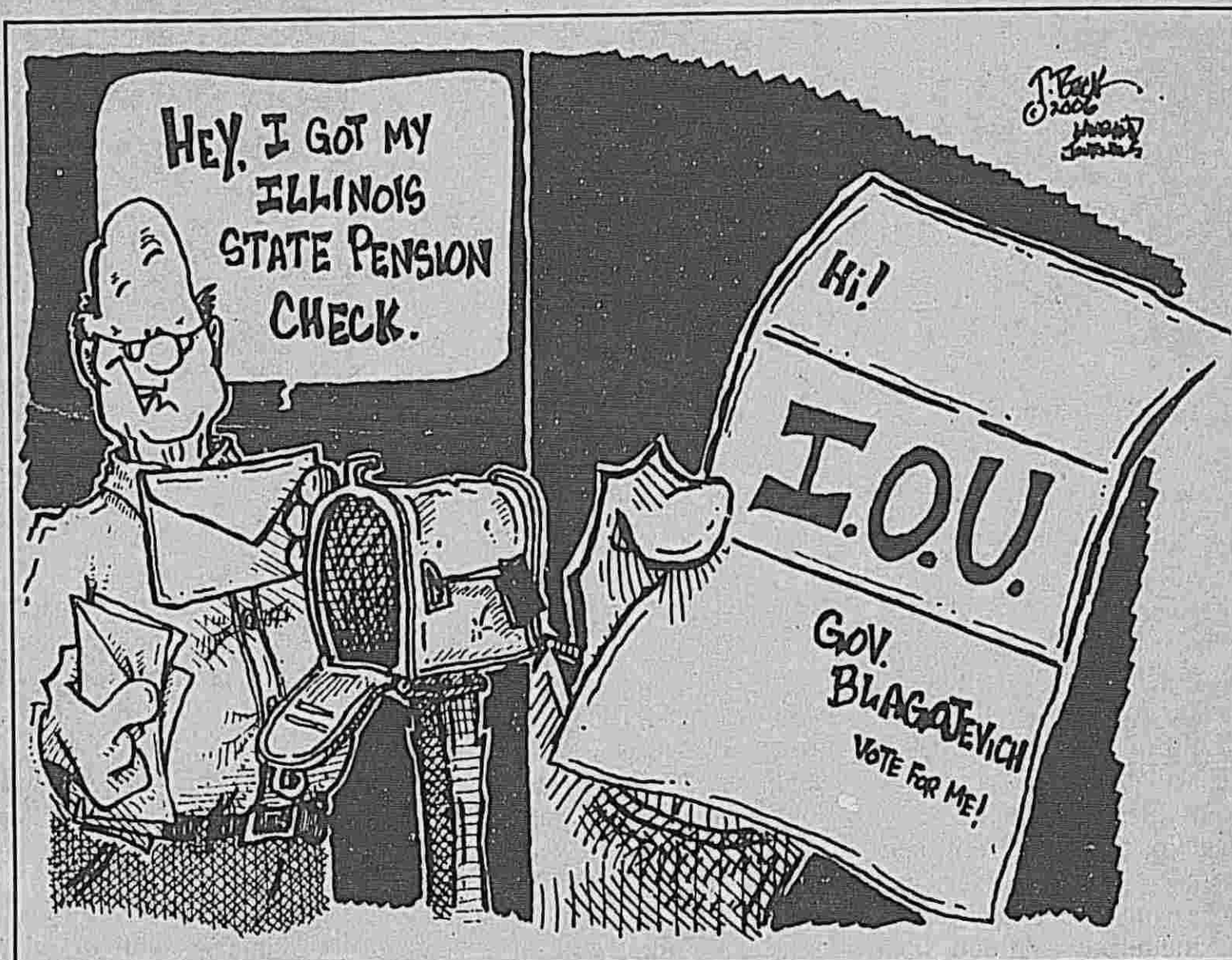
Funerals are intensely private affairs where grief can be overwhelming, and the circle of mourners and tranquility of the cemetery provide a safe refuge. Westboro Baptist Church members have been too close to services.

Their free speech is not being abridged at cemeteries; it is being reasonably restricted.

Correction

A photo caption on the front page of last week's Lake County section in the Lakeland Journals referred to U.S. Rep.

Mark Kirk by an incorrect name. Lakeland Journals regrets the error.



Off and Running

New dog law lacks teeth

Memorial Day traditionally signals the start of summer: those care-free days of cotton candy and blue skies.

We'll go on trips involving bodies of water and sand that irritates in, um, irritating places.

The sound of ice-cream trucks endlessly playing "American Patrol" will lull us to sleep on those perfect warm, but not too sticky, evenings.

In theory, we'll all be safer this year as we sit on our front porches with our orange push-ups and our chocolate-and-peanut-coated drumsticks.

Gov. Blagojevich has signed into law several measures aimed at curbing the risk presented by out-of-control dogs roaming the streets of our neighborhoods.

Municipalities across the state are finishing crafting their own ordinances to curb this problem.

In the state's version of the law, there are fees and jail time penalties if the owners of vicious dogs fail to keep their dogs in an enclosed area, fail to spay or neuter their animal, or do not comply with the restrictions of the new laws.

This is the part where you say: "What, pray tell, is a vicious dog?"

Effective immediately a vicious dog can be of any breed and is defined by the Illinois

Department of Agriculture, or our local animal control department, as a dog that "poses a serious threat or has, without justification, bitten a person but does not cause serious physical injury."

The circuit court's definition of a "vicious dog" is even more, well, circuitous: "a dog that, without justification, attacks a person and causes serious physical injury or death or has been found to be a 'dangerous dog' on three separate occasions."

So let me get this straight, if a dog has previously bitten someone - up to three times - then mauls a person, its owner will face monetary penalties and jail time.

And how does this make us safer?

Generally speaking, the kinds of people who would let their dogs run loose when they know that Fido isn't the friendliest pup on the block, probably don't get their dogs registered, neutered or vaccinated for that matter - all rules that already exist.



Esther J. Cepeda

Snapshot

Your thoughts on this week's hot topic

What's your biggest health vice?



"Lifting heavy or go home."

Andy Jones
Libertyville



"Eating too much refined sugar. I know it makes me tired."

Hetta
MacDowell
Wildwood



"Soda. ... you think, 'Oh, caffeine will make me feel better.'"

Kendra
Gilson



"I'm not sure I have any. I try to be a moderate person."

Amy Will
Mundelein

Partylines

compiled from staff reports

Vice President pays campaign visit to Lake County

Dick Cheney landed at Waukegan Regional Airport for a short visit with business leaders and financial bigwigs Monday afternoon.

He met with local area money at the Lake Forest home of William Strong, a vice chairman of the financial service firm Morgan Stanley.

There were approximately 50 major contributors present at the intimate gathering; they convened to raise funds for the Republican National Committee. Strong, known as a "Bush Ranger" has a track record for pulling in the money for the GOP. He raised \$200,000 from donors for the Bush/Cheney campaign in 2004.

David McSweeney, Republican candidate for the 8th Congressional District seat, said he was the only local politician invited.

"[Cheney] spent 75 percent of the time talking foreign policy," McSweeney said. "He spent a minute or two with me and told me he is well aware of my race and is looking forward to coming back in a couple of weeks. He said the 8th Congressional seat is a top priority for the White House and they're going to do everything they can to help me."

McSweeney has been on the offensive lately, repeatedly calling on incumbent Democrat Melissa Bean to face him in a series of 24 debates in each of the district's townships.

Her campaign staff has only responded with assurances that there is

plenty of time before November's election to begin the debate cycle.

"Melissa Bean is running a secret campaign for Congress," quipped McSweeney. "She's trying to hide whereas I'm willing to engage. I am encouraging the media and service organizations to ask Melissa Bean for her commitment to participating in the debates and forums."

Cheney is due to return later this month to Lake County to raise money for McSweeney.

Big Brother watching?

Ray Damijonaitis, trustee on the Gurnee Village Board, took a guest speaker to task when his facts, figures and theories departed from those known to Damijonaitis.

RedFlex Traffic Safety Systems Inc. presented information about its Photo Red Light Enforcement program to the board at its meeting on June 5.

The program films intersections to catch traffic violators. RedFlex then alerts the community's authorities and issues a ticket to the owner of the car.

Damijonaitis said it seemed that the program would exchange one type of traffic hazard for another. He cited studies that find implementation of such



David
McSweeney



Ray
Damijonaitis

programs increase frequency of rear-end collisions.

He suggested more research should precede adoption of the program.

"What kind of problems are we having to warrant this intrusion?" he demanded.

Chief Robert Jones said Gurnee police have worked with Department of Transportation on traffic safety issues.

"I have no problem executing an unpopular kind of a thing, but I have a lot of years in traffic investigation, and I see the potential dangers in this," he said.

Damijonaitis said that drivers in Chicago, where the company set up cameras in 2003, have complained about the system's inaccuracy.

Trustee Lyle Foster pointed to the potential for tickets to dissuade people from visiting Gurnee.

"[And] philosophically, I have a personal concern with cameras monitoring the public," he added.

Trustee Hank Schwarz said that public perception of accountability for behavior behind the wheel should modify citizens' driving habits.

Mayor Kristina Kovarik said "99 percent" of people drive safely and legally, but seemed open to the program.

Veterans Care

Veterans Care, a new program sponsored by State Rep, Kathy Ryg, D-Vernon Hills, aimed at offering health care coverage to veterans who do not have insurance, was signed into law recently.

"There are over 70,000 uninsured veterans in Illinois that Washington has failed to support," Ryg said in a written statement. "Our veterans cannot wait to receive benefits, and I am proud that we have acted to ensure that veterans in Illinois will have access to the health care they deserve."

Veterans care will provide comprehensive, affordable health care to Illinois' uninsured veterans.

Sullivan's scholars

State Rep, Ed Sullivan Jr., R-Mundelein, announced the recipients of his 2006 General Assembly Scholarship Awards last month.

The award provides one full year of tuition to a public Illinois university beginning in the fall of 2006, continuing through the spring semester of 2007.

Award recipients are Kevin Sweeney, of Lake Zurich High School; Jason Fischl, Kelly Krumtinger and Rachel Jacobs, of Libertyville High School; Laura Pavin and Mary Beth Tourdot, of Carmel Catholic High School; Joseph Fedro, of Mundelein High School; and Chris Molitor, of the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

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I'd take a wild leap and say they probably aren't the kind of civic-minded individuals who keep abreast of new laws and are careful not to flout them for fear of jail time. Net effect? Zero prevention.

Who cares if the bad-old-dog's owner goes to jail after little Cindy has her face ripped off by some testy Chow or after Bobby gets his leg mauled by a Weimaraner? Yawn. These new

regulations barely have any bark, much less bite.

'Merit pay' a slippery slope

As the dust settles from Gov. Blagojevich's still cloudy plan to raise money for education funding, the dialogue on some of the finer points begins.

I don't care what the media says, if you've spent any time in the teacher's lounge lately you know there was a collective grumble from the thousands of teachers across the state that reflexively cringe when they hear the term

"merit pay."

This is why: who defines the merit? A teacher's supervising dean, the school principal, the district in which he or she works, the regional office or state board of education? A jury of his or her peers?

And how would this merit be measured? Let me guess...standardized test scores, of course.

Too politically incorrect? Well then, how about "adequate yearly progress." Ouch, we see how well that's worked out in the merit pay-like sys-

tem each school operates under according to the No Child Left Behind Act. But let's follow that thought for a moment: Progress by class? By student? Some combination thereof?

No one is more outspoken about teacher accountability than I am.

Nothing sticks in my craw more than witnessing burned-out or just plain lazy, ineffective teachers, coddled by tenure, punching the metaphorical time clock until retirement.

There are so many teachers

who go wildly above and beyond the call of duty to give superior instruction and in many cases act as mother/father, career counselor, and therapist. Many do so in the face of crippling parental drug abuse, unemployment, or flat-out disinterest in their kid's education.

All the expertise and effort in the world isn't going to raise test scores in these environments - environments in which such teachers get to sleep at night by reciting the mantra "If I made a difference in the life of just one..."

● Letters to the editor

'For the people...'

I am asking for your help in alerting the people of Round Lake to the following and ask them to urge our Congresswoman Melissa Bean to vote for the passage of The Public Expression of Religion Act.

In 2003, the American Legion in California officially designated the Mojave Desert Veterans Memorial, the site at which, in 1934, a cross was erected in tribute to veterans. The U. S. Congress passed legislation designating that site as an official veterans memorial and providing for its preservation by exchanging that one-acre site for a five-acre site/private owned, thus placing the veterans memorial in private hands to be cared for by veterans organizations.

Notwithstanding that action by Congress, the U. S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has recently ruled at the request of the American Civil Liberties Union that the cross at the Mojave Desert Veterans Memorial must be removed or destroyed.

The Mojave Desert World War I Veterans Memorial case in California is a very dangerous precedent. There are 9,000 crosses and Stars of David at Normandy Beach. There are 22 national cemeteries with veterans at rest beneath religious symbols. There is nothing in the law to prevent groups like the ACLU from filing Establishment Clause lawsuits against those sacred grounds and then receiving taxpayer paid attorney fees.

June M. Reis
Round Lake

Thanks for tax hike

Thank you for the Gurnee village spring '06 tax increase.

Well, folks, I'm sorry that I couldn't write this thank-you note sooner, but I'm unhappily working to pay that extra tax.

It didn't surprise me to get a tax increase, because that's exactly what Kristina Kovarik promised when she debated Don Rudny before the election at the Hunt Club fire station. She promised that she would "grow the services" and "expand programs." These are all code words for a tax increase. Well, she kept her promise; the Gurnee village budget is expanding (increasing) by 9 percent.

I'm thankful that Gurnee's revenue will grow about 5 percent without the tax increase. We have a great retail tax base and large amounts of people who come to Gurnee to shop and eat. It troubles me that our mayor wants to exploit these people by hitting them with an increased beverage-and-food tax. By the way, some of these people are me and my neighbors.

I'm thankful for the Gurnee Police and Fire Departments. It makes my blood boil to think that if I need their services, I'm going to have to pay a fee for an ambu-

lance. What was our mayor thinking? This is especially stinging as I work hard to pay the whopping property tax bill I got this year. You know the one, where you pay for all these pensions and separate government entities. The list is getting longer, and the bill never gets smaller. Remember the taxing authorities have a built-in increase just because your house goes up in value and they always want more.

The previous administrations (and not just Mr. Rudny) had no problem keeping spending in line with revenue. I'm frustrated when the politicians and their appointed officials, like the village administrator (James Hayner) make the proposed budget-balancing exercise painful, like eliminating people in order to trick the public into thinking we actually need to increase the budget. There were lots of perks and cars to cut. We all know their game.

I'm thankful for making my home in Gurnee, and I'm hopeful that we all have long memories when election time comes. It will be time to change the village administration so we can keep a little more of our hard-earned cash to take care of our families.

Don O'Shea
Gurnee

Keep it legal

Nothing has ever filled me with more disgust and anger as the 50-49 Senate vote to give Social Security benefits to illegal aliens. As one commentator put it: "It granted amnesty to hundreds of thousands of thieves who committed fraud, i.e., identity theft. These are people who used stolen or fake Social Security numbers to fool employers, the DMV, insurance companies, banks, you name it, and who will now be credited for the time they used these stolen or fake cards toward their Social Security benefits."

Irrespective of where you stand on amnesty for illegals, this is a total mockery of our Social Security system. How can we separate fraudulent payments using somebody else's Social Security number from real payments? If we honor fake Social Security cards, won't that be an invitation for millions more fake cards to be printed so criminals can collect more, further bankrupting our failing Social Security system? How can we trust the same government that allowed people to work under false Social Security cards in the first place to sort this mess out?

If we reward tens of millions of lawbreakers, how are they ever going to respect our laws in the future? Indeed, why should anyone obey the laws of our country when they are so easily broken and manipulated with enough pressure by mobs of flag wavers on the street? Why don't people understand that our entire civilization is at

stake, not just keeping Juan and Juanita working cheap?

The "guest worker" option is also no option. Guest worker or illegal alien making things "legal" doesn't change the pernicious effects of millions of second class noncitizens.

There is only one workable solution for the long run. Illegal aliens - all of them - must go home and re-enter our country legally with all the appropriate safeguards (no criminal record, no communicable disease, job or bonded sponsor waiting for them in America) and opportunities of citizenship that legal immigrants have. This could be done under an expedited, emergency process that could increase our legal immigration temporarily from about 1 million a year to 2 or 3 million a year. If we can afford the tens of billions illegals cost us in extra Medicare, education and other social service costs, we can certainly afford the money to help them get home and process their applications.

Sure, there might be some disruption in some industries for a few years, but we can continue to reform welfare, child labor laws and stop taxing retiree income to increase the supply of lower skilled workers. These same industries can also pay higher wages so that we can reverse our labor participation rate, which is now the lowest in 20 years (there is plenty of slack in this economy). The disruption and cost to our society in the long run in terms of a bifurcated society divided by language and culture will be far greater.

Grant D. Noble
Lake Forest

'God bless America'

Mr. Putin, we Americans may not necessarily agree with your country's national policies, but the vast majority of us based on the Bush administration's constantly declining approval rating agree with you that the U.S. would be well served if the wolf would just mind it's own blundering business.

Cheney, Bush, Rumsfeld, Rice, Rove are spouting Democracy around the world-trying to tell other countries how they should live while spying on its own citizens and sending thousands of our military to injury and death around the world.

Worse they've fostered environmental poisoning, encouraged energy waste, promoted stagnant wage levels despite runaway inflation in insurance, energy-heat and fuel pricing.

Health-care costs are now so uncontrolled that over 45 million Americans are without health insurance simply because they can't afford it. Not to mention our nearly 9 trillion debt that takes almost 20 percent of the national budget to cover interest costs.

The American middle class has now virtually disappeared, with seniors taking the biggest hit.

20 percent of Americans are happy because Bush without our pathetic lobby-controlled congress are subsidizing the wealthy, while 80 percent are on the verge of bankruptcy. Every buck we saved with Bush's income tax cuts costs us two bucks in property and service tax increases.

Almost any job worth having has been exported overseas, replaced with minimum-wage, any port in a storm, labor.

Bush is living proof that the current republican party (of which I was a member) would nominate a moron if he wears an elephant on his lapel. The sad part is that they could have had an honest, loyal people concerned human being in McCain. Instead they selected a pair of draft-dodgers, who had enough money and power to steal elections.

God bless America. You voted for these lying Enron, Tyco, Halliburton supporters—I didn't.

Donald A. Permoda
Island Lake

Controlled spending

Gurnee's board of trustees took the easy way out in approving the 2006 budget by increasing our taxes.

If they had asked the administration to keep the budget increase in line with the naturally occurring 5 percent increase in revenue, they would have balanced the budget without a tax increase. However, the board decided to approve a budget that increases spending 9 percent over last year, yet offers no new major services. In raising taxes on the residents of Gurnee, they did not have to make the hard choices that come with controlling spending. Gurnee will be spending 9 percent more to offer the residents the same services they received last year.

While most businesses are required to control spending at cost of living or below, our village increases their budget by about twice that.

The current tax increases may not put any of the residents of Gurnee in the poor house, but budget increases like this one cannot be sustained by raising taxes.

I was at one of the budget hearings where one of the trustees brought up a possible way to save some money. Our mayor's response was that the trustees' proposed cut was not large enough to put a dent in the budget deficit and therefore was brushed aside.

Our mayor and trustees need to get serious about the spending side of the budget and look at all options, whether they are big or small.

Edwin Paff
Gurnee

Shake, rattle and roll



Annie Christie - achristie@nwnewsgroup.com

One-year-old Ashley Gaytan of Waukegan plays musical rattles during The Ray Bradbury Dandelion Wine Festival at Waukegan's Bowen Park.

Growth spurs change

• TRAUMA

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"Our board recognizes that you have the responsibility to provide the best care and that includes to step up to Level I trauma," said Dennis Millirons, president and CEO of Condell Health Network.

Millirons said that moving from a Level II to a Level I was prompted by "a recognition that Lake County continues to grow."

U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk, R-Highland Park, along with other local and state dignitaries, support bringing a Level I trauma center to Lake County.

"For us, with 700,000 living here, ... it just makes sense to have a Level I trauma center," Kirk said.

Kirk said bringing a Level I center is important because "this will not only save lives, but drive economic growth."

The first hearing for the plan will be in July, followed by another in September.

If approved, the expansion will begin in early spring of 2007 and will take about two years to complete.

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- CT surgeon on site and ready to treat within 30 minutes
- Obstetrics on site and ready to treat within 30 minutes
- Staff qualified in speech, social work, dietary, psychiatry, occupational therapy and physical therapy

In addition to the trauma center plans, Condell also will announce a \$100 million project to open a joint VA-Navy Hospital in North Chicago, and that it will be partnering with Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in Chicago.

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VOLO

Volo Bog recovers from '05 drought

'Friends' of park continue activities after rains revitalize glacial park

By GREGORY HARUTUNIAN
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VOLO—The Volo Bog was in danger of disappearing last summer due to the prolonged heat and drought.

The nearly 12,000-year old site, carved out from the retreating Wisconsin glacier in northeastern Illinois, left blocks of ice that melted to form kettles with bogs and marshes in them.

An Illinois Department of Natural Resources spokesman said that the vegetation was perilously close to having the roots and vines intertwine to leave the peat bogs as one mass. Natural rainfall has rekindled the runoff and saturation needed to keep the quaking bog afloat, and the fragile ecosystem continues to sustain itself.

Established in 1983, the Friends of the Volo Bog are dedicated to the preservation of the area's natural heritage, maintenance of the facilities, and the advancement of educational programming at the site. Located at 28478 Brandenburg Road, the nearly 1,200-acre parcel allows a firsthand look at a glacial bog that is home to more than 20 species of endangered plants and animals.

"It's a fascinating experience here, and I learn something every time I come out here about ecology, and earth eco-awareness," said Nancy Bodinet, who has been a volunteer for two seasons. "Just recently, a little girl asked me if I knew that 'fish had no eyelids' and all the park visitors are interesting and very knowledgeable."

The volunteer group assists onsite IDNR staff with a variety of outdoor programs throughout the year, including leading weekend tours, working in resource management programs, and publishing a quarterly newsletter, The Bog Log. Activities within the group range also supplement

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"It's a fascinating experience here."

Nancy Bodinet

Volunteer in her second year

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site staff in workshops and habitat restoration projects.

"I started the 'Shutterbug Club' for naturalists and visitors with an eye for photography; more than eight years ago," volunteer Bill Ewert said. He has lent his expertise to the group's oversight board for several years, and he has been a member since 1994. In 2006, he had logged over 1,000 hours in manning the park office, and supplying information to visitors.

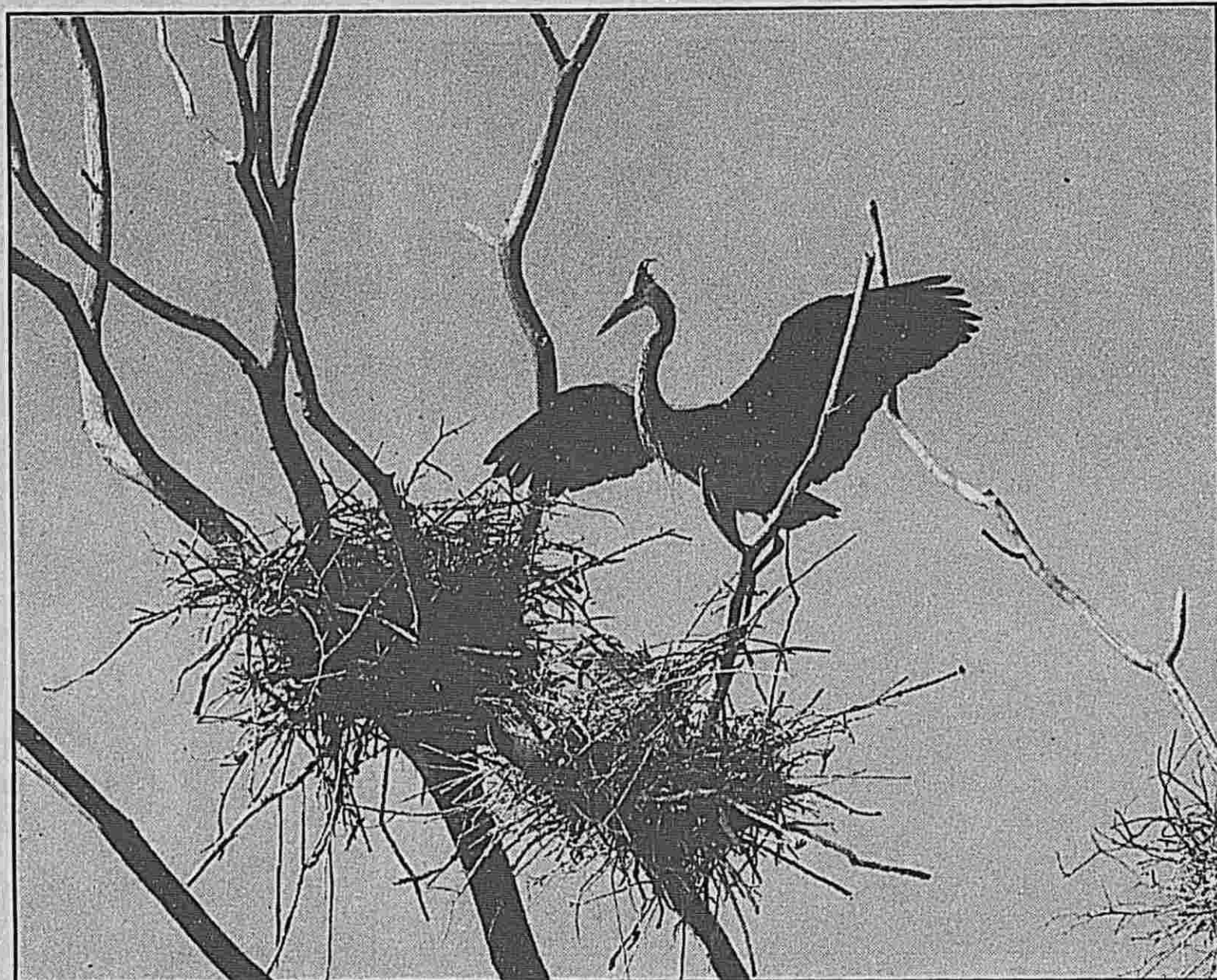
"I monitor the bluebird boxes every week to see what's in them, and to keep tabs on the population within the grounds," he said. "We started with 18 boxes, and we are now up to 82 boxes in various locations to see which ones are more beneficial for nesting."

The Volo Bog State Natural Area began in 1958 with \$40,000 in donated funds used by the Illinois Chapter of the Nature Conservancy to purchase the 47.5-acre bog area. Encroaching residential and commercial development, coupled with federal plans for extending Route 53, spurred a "Save the Bog" campaign during the 1960's and led to acquisition by the IDNR.

Stacy Iwanicki, the site's natural resource coordinator, maintains an active schedule of programs, despite recent budget cuts initiated by the state legislature. Her tenure of service has been a main staple at the site to many school and children's groups, along with adult education symposiums.

For information, call (815) 344-1294.

Home to roost



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A blue heron nests at the Almond Marsh near Gurnee.

McHENRY

Volunteers to form watch group at Moraine Hills State Park site

By GREGORY HARUTUNIAN
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McHENRY - Volunteers are being sought to participate in a park watch patrol program, being organized at Moraine Hills State Park near McHenry.

Inspired by Neighborhood Watch programs and sponsored by municipal public safety departments, the park watch patrol will be formed from a core group of volunteers to look for illegal and illicit activities such as underage drinking, illegal drug use, lewd behavior, minor theft, reckless driving, debris and garbage dumping, as well as vandalism.

"Basically, they will act as the eyes and ears of the park to deal with issues that disrupt the safety and family atmosphere of the park grounds," said Greg Kelly, site superin-

tendent at Moraine Hills. "This is the first time that we've tried to organize this, and this is a grass-roots effort. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has been proactive in addressing the issues and a number of arrests have been made."

The patrol concept was initiated after a regular park patron complained about suspicious activities on the grounds.

Another seven people were recruited to assist in forming the patrol, and a June 7 meeting was set to develop a plan and model for operation.

"We've had a minor problem with unacceptable and inappropriate sexual behavior taking place, incidents of vandalism, and other offenses," Kelly said. "We are very serious about curtailing these incidents, and maintain a safe at-

mosphere where families and individuals can enjoy their outdoor experience."

The 2,500 acre site off River Road was purchased by the state Department of Natural Resources in the mid-1970s. The land had been used for farming, and had broken drain tiles and other debris left at the site.

These were removed and the site's natural hydrology eventually reclaimed the parcel with indigenous vegetation and fauna.

Park watch patrol volunteers will not approach alleged offenders, but submit a written observation report as the first link in effective enforcement with a chain that may involve park staff, the Illinois State Police, the Illinois Conservation Police, or the McHenry County Sheriff's Department.

SALLY D. BODZIAK

Born: Jan. 27, 1927
Died: May 29, 2006
She enjoyed cooking, crocheting and walking

GRAYSLAKE – Sally D. Bodziak, 79, of Grayslake, died Monday, May 29, 2006, at Sherman Hospital in Elgin. She was born in Hammond, Ind., to Mary and Albert Hebda. She enjoyed cooking, crocheting, and walking.

Survivors include her daughters Pat Kearns and Sue Guffa; granddaughters; her great-grandson; sister; and many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Albert and Mary Hebda; two sisters; her brother; and niece.

The funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. June 3 at St. Gilbert Catholic Church in Grayslake.

Interment was private. Friends of the family visited from 4 to 8 p.m. June 2 at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium in Grayslake.

Memorial donations in Sally's name may be made to the family.

ANDREW EWING

Born: June 5, 1917
Died: May 20, 2006
He served in the Army Air Corps in 1942 in the Pacific Theater



DUBLIN, OHIO – Andrew Ewing, 88, passed away Saturday, May 20, 2006, in Dublin, Ohio, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Glasgow, Scotland, to Alexander and Jemima (Burnett) Ewing, Andrew came to Ellis Island in 1923 and settled in Chicago with his parents and sister. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in October 1942, and served in the South Pacific. Discharged as a sergeant in December 1945, Andrew married Irma Bland on June 24, 1946, in Plainville, Kan.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Irma; his sister, Janet May; his children, Drew, Janine and Shawn Ewing; and four grandchildren. Andrew was preceded in death by his aforementioned parents and a son, Kirk.

The memorial service was conducted at 3 p.m. July 8 at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium in Grayslake. Friends of the family visited from 2 p.m. until the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society, 100 W. Palatine Road, Suite 150, Palatine, IL 60067.

CURTIS J. CASHMAN

Born: June 17, 1955
Died: May 31, 2006
Curt was the former director of Public Works for Round Lake Beach

LIBERTYVILLE – Curtis J. Cashman, 50, a former resident of Libertyville and Lake Villa, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, May

31, 2006 in Forest Park. Curt was the former director of Public Works for Round Lake Beach and most recently was the director in Forest Park.

Surviving are his children, Ryan and Shannen Cashman of Lake Villa; his brothers; two sisters; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, David and Thelma Cashman.

Private services are at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

THOMAS TISCH

Born: Oct. 24, 1953
Died: May 31, 2006
Tom was a former employee of the Archdiocese at Ascension Cemetery and St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein

LIBERTYVILLE – Thomas Tisch, 52 of Libertyville, died unexpectedly Wednesday, May 31, 2006, in Niles.

Tom enjoyed landscaping and was a former employee of the archdiocese at Ascension Cemetery and St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein.

Surviving are three brothers, Louis Tisch of Lake Forest, James (Tedi) Tisch and William (Barbara) Tisch, both of Mundelein; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Louis Tisch, in 1990; and by his

mother, Geraldine Tisch, in 2003.

The funeral was at 11 a.m. June 5 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment followed in Lakeside Cemetery. Visitation was from 3 to 6 p.m. June 4. Memorial contributions can be made to the Lakeside Cemetery Renovation Fund, P.O. Box 500, Libertyville, IL 60048.

ROBERT 'BOB' NOVY

Born: Dec. 16, 1927
Died: May 31, 2006
He served with the U.S. Naval Air Corps during World War II



LAKE VILLA – Robert "Bob" Novy, 78, a resident of Lake Villa for the past 28 years, formerly of La Grange Park.

A pioneer in experimental cancer treatments, he died Wednesday, May 31, 2006, at home after a courageous battle against cancer. He was born Dec. 16, 1927, to Otto and Sylvia (Dejmek) Novy in Chicago, was a veteran of World War II, having served with the U.S. Naval Air Corps. He graduated from the University of Colorado with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering, and also did some post-graduate work.

He was united in marriage on Sept. 26, 1953, in Cicero, to Francine Lexa.

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The couple enjoyed time spent on Cedar Island on Pistakee Lake, where they fished, skied, and sailed with their growing family. He was a long-time employee with Prince Castle Food Service Equipment Co. in Carol Stream. He and his wife spent their leisure time traveling and had enjoyed several very special European vacations with his grandchildren.

He will be greatly missed by: his wife, Francine (Lexa) Novy of Lake Villa; his children, Robert (Jill) Novy of California, Dierdre "Deedee" (Robert) Faust of Brookfield, Wis.; two grandchildren, Bryan and Aimee Faust, both of Brookfield, Wis. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial service was conducted at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at K.K. Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake (the Chapel on the Lake) with the Rev. Lisle Kauffman officiating. Friends were invited to arrive from 12:30 p.m. June 3 on through the time of services. Interment was private. Memorials for the American Cancer Society will be appreciated by the family.

JEROME J. 'JERRY' CAPPON

Born: Jan. 2, 1933
Died: May 31, 2006

Jerry was an Adjunct Professor at the College of DuPage in International Transportation

ANTIOCH – Jerome J. "Jerry" Cappon, 73 of Antioch, passed away Wednesday, May 31, 2006, at his home. He was born in Syracuse, N.Y., the son of the late Marvin and Leah (Sullivan) Cappon and graduated from LeMoyne College in Syracuse, N.Y. He enjoyed boating and riding his scooter. On Nov. 20, 1970, he married Janet Vollmer in Matteson.

Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Janet; his daughter, Joanne (Tom) Botten of Chicago; his grandson; his sister; brothers; a stepsister; and stepbrothers.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his stepmother, Helen Russell Cappon and his first wife, Patricia.

The funeral was at 6 p.m. June 3 at Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, with visitation starting at 2 p.m. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the American Lung Association, or the Charity of your choice, in his memory.

AUDREY JEAN RANKER STOWELL

Born: Sept. 14, 1937
Died: May 30, 2006

As a homemaker, she loved sewing, gardening, water color painting, needlepoint, cooking, baking, and reading

LAKE VILLA – Audrey Jean Ranker Stowell, 68 of Lake Villa, passed away Tuesday, May 30, 2006, at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was born Sept. 14, 1937, in Russell, Wis., the daughter of the late Harold Joseph and Viola Leona (Lee) Ranker. On June 18, 1955, she married Lawrence L. Stowell in Richmond. She lived in Trevor, Wis. before moving to Lake Villa in 1966. Audrey was a member of the United Methodist Church. As a homemaker, she loved sewing, gardening, water-color painting, needlepoint, cooking, baking, reading and caring for her children and grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband of more than 50 years, Lawrence; her children, Robin Jean (James) Listhartke of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Roxane Joan (Gary) Klean of Genoa City, Wis., Rhonda June (Tony) Pagano of Bethlehem, Penn., Susan Rae Pilar of Antioch, Dawn Leight Stowell and Joy Lynn Comeaux both of Gonzales, La. and Larry Leroy Stowell of Chattanooga, Tenn.; 14 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and brothers, Phillip and Donald (Alice) Ranker. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by grandson, Nicholas Joseph Comeaux; a sister, Bertha Riley, and brothers, Delmar and Earl Ranker.

The funeral was at 1 p.m., June 1 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, with the Rev. Christopher Druce-Jones of the United Methodist Church of Lake Villa, officiating. Interment followed in Liberty Cemetery in Salem, Wis. Visitation was from 10 a.m. June 1 until the services. Friends desiring may make contributions to a family memorial.

GRACE M. DUFOUR

Born: Sept. 22, 1910
Died: May 25, 2006

Grace lived and traveled to many countries during her lifetime

LAKE BLUFF – Grace M. DuFour, 95, a former resident of Lake Bluff, died Thursday, May 25, 2006, at Westmoreland Nursing Center in Lake forest. She was born in Chicago, the daughter of Robert and Mary Johnson. As her husband was a consultant for Abbott Laboratories, Grace lived and traveled to many countries during her lifetime.

Surviving are her children, Nancy (B.R.) Wendler of Lake Barrington and George (Mary Ann) DuFour of Libertyville; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, George C. DuFour on Oct. 8, 1993.

Private service for the family was on May 27 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

STEPHANIE L. STAHL

Born: Dec. 5, 1984
Died: May 31, 2006

She will be remembered through many friends and co-workers at the Costco of Glenview

ROUND LAKE – Stephanie L. Stahl, 21, a resident of Round Lake, passed away Wednesday, May 31, 2006. She was born in Bakersfield, Calif., to Bradley and the late Teri Stahl. Stephanie will be remembered through her many friends and co-workers from her two years of employment with the Costco of Glenview and her membership to the Palatine Club.

Stephanie is survived by her father, Bradley Stahl; her brother, Jeremy (Eileen) Carlson; and her sister, Jennifer. She was preceded in death by her mom, Teri Stahl.

The memorial service was 3 p.m. June 4 at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium in Grayslake. Friends of the family visited from 11 a.m., until the time of the service at the funeral chapel.

NORMAN C. HODGE

Born: Jan. 25, 1948
Died: June 2, 2006

He was a veteran serving in the U.S. Navy



LINDENHURST – Norman C. Hodge, 58, of Lindenhurst, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, June 2, 2006, at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He was born on in Waukegan, the son of Terese and the late, Norman Hodge. He was a veteran serving in the U.S. Navy. He was retired after 29 years of service from the Ann M. Kiley Center in Waukegan. On April 28, 1978 he married his wife, Ellen.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen; his children, Christopher (Elizabeth) of Lake Villa, Michael of Lindenhurst and Catherine of Lindenhurst; also surviving is his mother, Terese (Cecil) Dodd of Antioch.

He was preceded in death by his father, Norman G. Hodge.

Funeral service began at 9:30 a.m. on June 6, from Ringa Funeral Home, in Lake Villa, to Prince of Peace Church for a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass. Interment was at Ascension Cemetery, in Libertyville. Visitation was at the funeral home from 4 to 8 p.m. June 5.

STEFAN KAISER

Born: Feb. 26, 1938
Died: June 4, 2006
Born in Croatia

LAKE VILLA – Stefan Kaiser, 68 of Lake Villa, died June 4, 2006, at his home. He was born in Croatia to the late Stefan and Katarina Kaiser.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Katharina Kaiser; his children, Kathy T. (Robert) Knox and Steven J. (Janis) Kaiser; his grandchildren; and his siblings.

The funeral was at 11:30 a.m. June 8 at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium, in Grayslake. Interment was private. Friends of the family visited from 10 a.m. until the service on June 8. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Evanston Northwestern Healthcare Hospice Program, 1033 University Place, Suite 450, Evanston, IL 60201-3172 www.enh.org/charitablegiving.

JEFF A. 'GRIZZ' SCHWARZ

Born: Sept. 21, 1953
Died: May 29, 2006

Was a member of the National Rifle Association

FOX LAKE – Jeff A. "Grizz" Schwarz, 52, a resident of Fox Lake and Spring Grove, died May 29, 2006 at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights. He was born Sept. 21, 1953, to Fred and Frances (Desautels) Schwarz of Chicago. He was employed as a mason in the construction field and was a member of the National Rifle Association.

He was survived by his wife, Stella (Hardesty) Schwarz, formerly of Fox Lake, who passed away on June 1, 2006, at Northern Illinois Medical Center in McHenry. His children, Robert "Rob" (Patrice) Russo of Grayslake, Kelly (Donna) Russo of Tucson, Ariz., Tina (Jose Motino Sr.) Russo of Waukegan; eight grandchildren; his brother, Glen Schwarz of Wisconsin. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a daughter, Ann Russo.

The memorial service will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at K.K. Hamsher Funeral Home, 12 N. Pistakee Lake Road, Fox Lake, (the Chapel on the Lake, a block west of Route 12, a half block north of Grand

Avenue). Friends are invited to arrive at 12:30 p.m. to visit with the family. Interment was private.

STELLA MAY (HARDESTY) SCHWARZ

Born: Feb. 9, 1943
Died: June 1, 2006

Formerly employed as a waitress and bartender at Jackson Bay, the Stumble On Inn in Spring Grove and Old Style Inn

FOX LAKE – Stella May (Hardesty) Schwarz, 63, a resident of Fox Lake and Spring Grove, died June 1, 2006, at Northern Illinois Medical Center in McHenry. She was born Feb. 9, 1943, in Dixon, to Russell Wilson and Eunice Irene (Phillips) Hardesty. She was formerly employed as a waitress and bartender at the Jackson Bay, Stumble on Inn, in Spring Grove and the Old Style Inn. She enjoyed playing bingo and pool having won several tournament championships, and had enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include her children, Robert "Rob" (Patrice) Russo of Grayslake, Kelly (Donna) Russo of Tucson, Ariz., Tina (Jose Motino Sr.) Russo of Waukegan; her grandchildren, Eric, Scott, Colette and Lynette Russo and Brittany, Emily, Anah and Jose Motino Jr.; by brothers and sisters, including Helen (Jerry) Anderson of Decatur and Hazel Kessel of Amboy. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jeff A. "Grizz" Schwarz on May 29, 2006, by a daughter, Ann Russo and by her parents.

The memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, June 17 at the K.K. Hamsher Funeral Home, 12 N. Pistakee Lake Rd., in Fox Lake (the Chapel on the Lake, a block west of Route 12 and a half block north of Grand Avenue). Friends may arrive from 12:30 p.m. through the time of the service. Interment was private. For information, call (847) 587-2100.

JERZY B. KOLODZIEJ

Born: April 12, 1955
Died: June 3, 2006

Known as the 'Silver Fox' with fans following him at restaurants, clubs to enjoy his happy style of music

ROUND LAKE – Jerzy B. Kolodziej, 51, of Round Lake, passed away at his home Saturday, June 3, 2006. He was born April 12, 1955, in Poland, the son of the late Stefania and Boleslaw Kolodziej.

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He came to the United States in 2001 and attended Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Lake Villa and Transfiguration Catholic Church in Wauconda. He was a professional musician, composer and entertainer and in Poland, he served as a music director. He performed at many local establishments and restaurants, including Reflections, Harbor Club and Taste of Italy. He was known as the 'Silver Fox' and many of his fans would follow him from place to place to enjoy his happy style of music. He will be missed by many family and friends, here and in Poland.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Agnieszka; his children, Sabinka of Poland and Oskar of Round Lake; his brother, Leszek (Jolanta) Kolodziej of Canada and his niece, Ania. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Aleksandra, and brother, Anthony.

Funeral services will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 10, from Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave. (Route 83) Lake Villa, to Prince of Peace Church for a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass. Private family interment will be in Poland. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Friday, from 5 to 9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials would be appreciated to Oskar Kolodziej Education Fund. Funeral information is available at www.ringafuneralhome.com or (847) 356-2146.

RITA PROCTOR

Born: Dec. 17, 1924

Died: June 2, 2006

She worked as a quality control inspector for the Solar Corp. in Libertyville

GENOA CITY, WIS. — Rita Proctor, 81, of Genoa City, Wis., passed away Friday, June 2, 2006, at her home. She was born on Dec. 17, 1924, the daughter of the late Joseph and Anastasia Redding Dougherty. On Aug. 31, 1946, in Oak Park, she was united in marriage to William R. Proctor Sr., who preceded her in death Aug. 23, 1999. She worked as a quality control inspector for the Solar Corp. in Libertyville. She lived the majority of her life in Northern Illinois before moving to Genoa City, Wis., two years ago.

She is survived by six children, William (Eleanor) Proctor Jr. of Johnsbury, Linda (John) Boerman of Genoa City, Wis., Penny (Michael) Temple of Richmond, Scott (Diana) Proctor of Verona, Ky., Joseph Proctor of Fox Lake, Lisa Proctor of

Lake Villa; nine grandchildren, Michele, Sean, Beth, Peter, John-Michael, Christopher, Mary, Sunny, Sara; five great-grandchildren, Amanda, Mary-Kate, John, Calista, Eric. She was preceded in death by three brothers, William-Edward, Joseph, Vincent; two sisters, Agnes and Anastasia (Pat).

Private family services will be held. The family asks that memorial remembrances be made to Seasons Hospice. The Haase-Derrick-Lockwood Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family.

MARY E. WADE

Born: Jan. 7, 1924

Died: June 5, 2006

Mary retired in 1988 from the Boye Needle Co. in Chicago

GURNEE — Mary E. Wade, 82, a resident of Gurnee since 1995 and formerly of Chicago, passed away Monday, June 5, 2006, at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was born in Marting, W. Va., to the late James and Linnie Keffer. Mary retired in 1988 from the Boye Needle Co. of Chicago.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Brenda (Ron) Crook of Gurnee; her sons, Charles W. (Janice) Wade of Strasburg, Leonard E. (Yung) Wade Jr. of Chicago, James W. (Jenny) Wade of Arizona, and Kenneth R. (Dara) Wade of Chicago; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and her sister, Katherine Lavender. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard E. Wade Sr., on June 23, 1998.

The funeral is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, June 10, 2006, at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium, 410 E. Belvidere Road, in Grayslake. Interment will be at 12:30 p.m. Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago. Friends of the family may visit from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday, June 9, at the funeral chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the United Mine Workers of America, 8315 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031. For information please call (847)223-8122 or log on to www.strangfuneral.org.

DORIS 'PAT' VANDERVENTER

Born: Feb. 14, 1929

Died: June 2, 2006

Pat loved spending time with her grandchildren

WAUKEGAN — Doris Vanderventer, 77, of Waukegan, died June 2, 2006, at Lake Forest

Hospital, surrounded by her family. She married the "love of her life," Donald Vanderventer on Sept. 16, 1950.

Survivors include her devoted husband, Don; five children, Don (Mary Ellen) Vanderventer of Waukegan, Scott (Cherri) Vanderventer of Gurnee, Jim (Nan) Vanderventer of Beach Park, Donna (tom) Lee of Pleasant Prairie, Wis., and Leslie Vanderventer of Waukegan; five grandchildren; a step-grandchild; a great-grandchild; a sister-in-law and two nieces and a nephew. Pat was preceded in death by her father, Albert Nehring; mother, Blanche Jacheck; and two brothers.

The funeral was held at 7 p.m. June 6 at Congdon Funeral Home in

Zion. Visitation was from 4 p.m. until the time of services at the funeral home. Interment was June 7 at Walnut Hill Cemetery in Baraboo, Wis.

The Vanderventer family offers special thanks to Star Hospice of Waukegan for their care of Pat.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are suggested to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

ERNEST E. KOMIVES

Died: June 5, 2006

Memorials to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran of Ingleside

LAKE VILLA — Ernest E. Komives,

87, of Lake Villa, died June 5, 2006.

He was the loving husband of Hannah; dear father of Ralph (Susan) Komives and Karen (Douglas) Mades; grandfather of Rachel (Jeremy) Hanson, Nathaniel (Jessica) Mades, Nicole (Brian) Wilgenbusch-Mades and Jeffrey (Beth) Komives; great-grandfather of Mary and Molly Hanson.

The memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Ingleside. The family suggests memorials be made to the American Legion or to the church.

Arrangements were in the care of the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home (248) 651-8137; online guestbook www.modetzfuneralhomes.com.

● Recent deaths

ELIZABETH F. WISINSKI, 85, of Wildwood, May 21, 2006. Arr: Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium in Grayslake

ROBERT NEELEMAN, 55 of Wildwood, May 29, 2006. Arr: Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium, in Grayslake

HENRY SOLTERBECK, 80 OF Gurnee, May 26, 2006. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville

DAVID J. TODD, 49 of Lake Villa, May 22, 2006. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral home in Libertyville

LAURA JANE BELLMORE, 58, of Libertyville, May 30, 2006. Arr:

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville

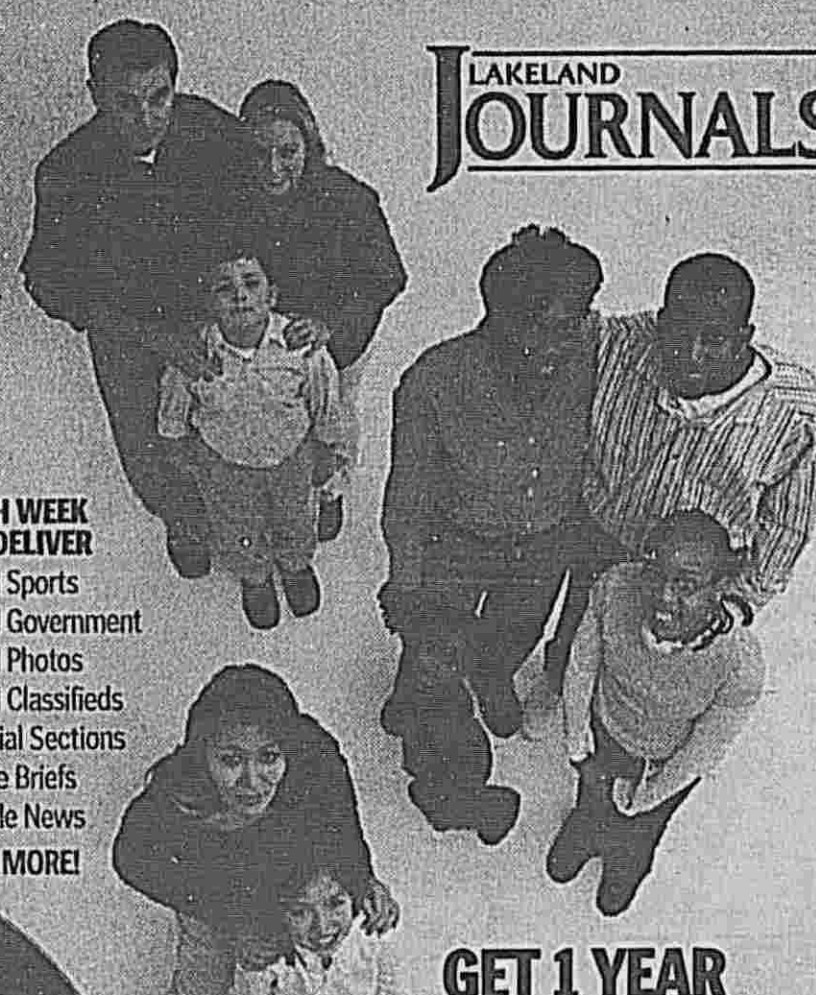
ROBERT J. DEMPSEY, 82, of Fox Lake, May 28, 2006. Arr: K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake

ANGELA J. PALUCH, 87, of Barrington, May 24, 2006. Arr: Kisselburg-Wauconda Funeral Home

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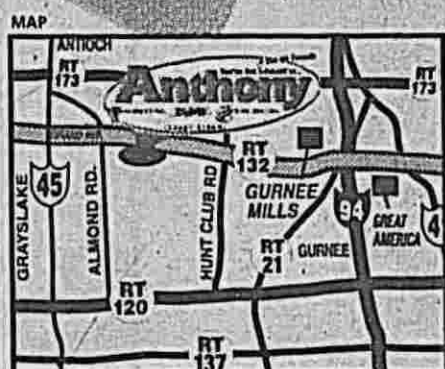
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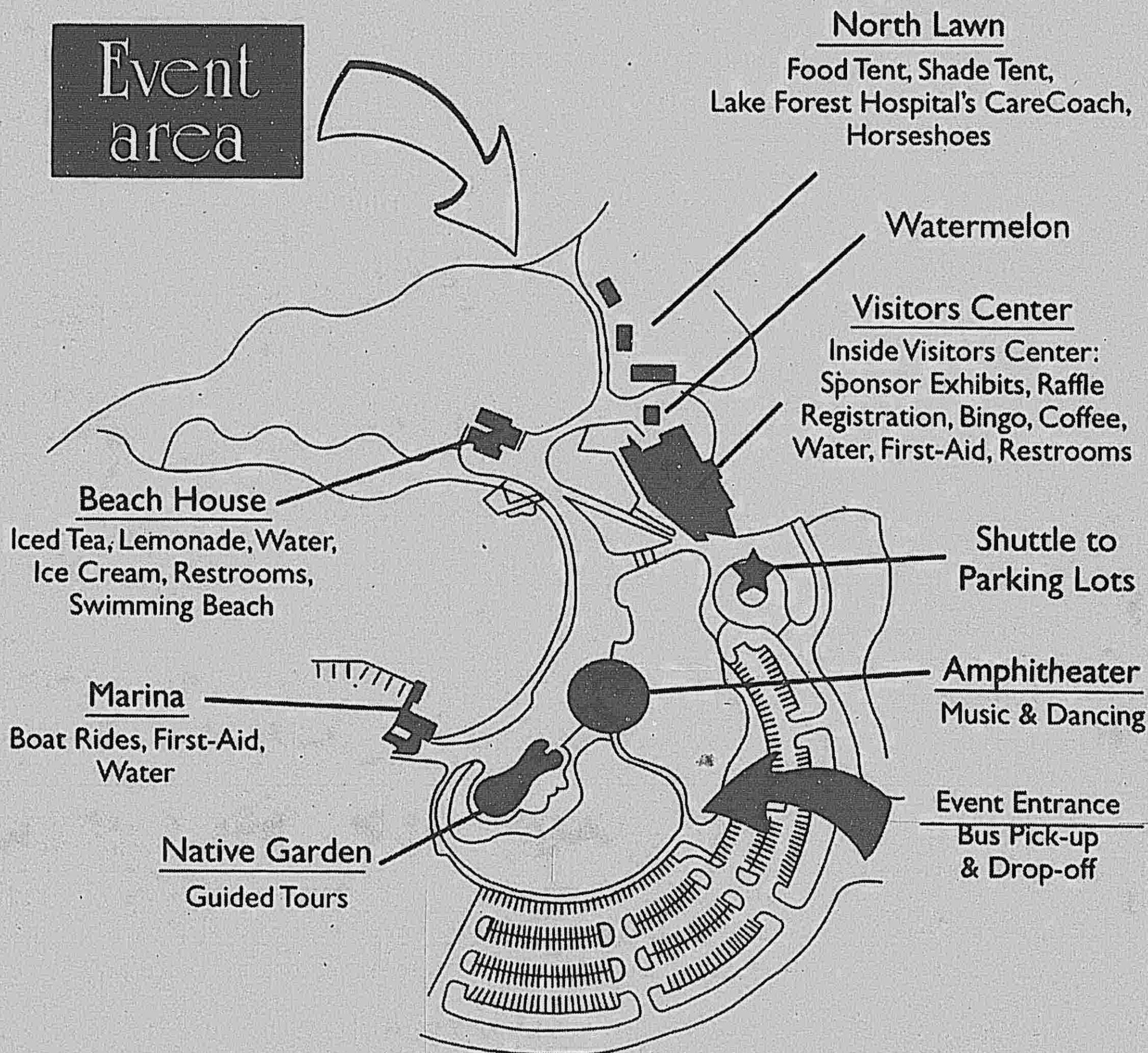
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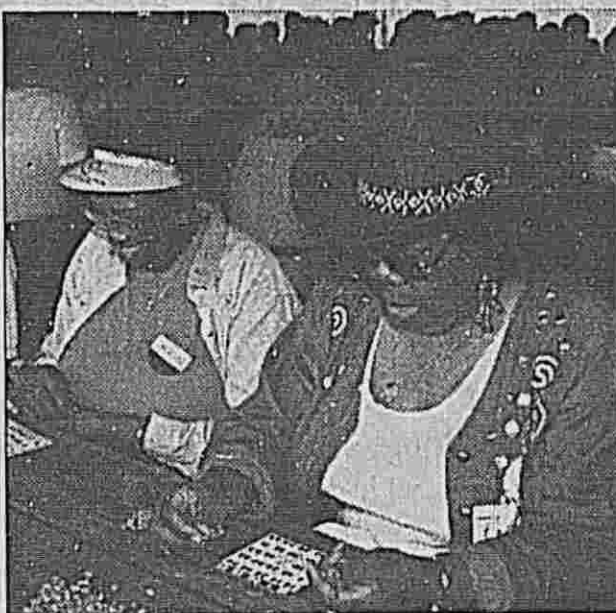
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Event sponsors will host special "must see" exhibits inside the Visitors' Center. In addition to health care and senior services information, sponsors will also offer giveaways and product samples. Just outside of the Visitors' Center, Lake Forest Hospital's CareCoach will offer free health screenings throughout the day.

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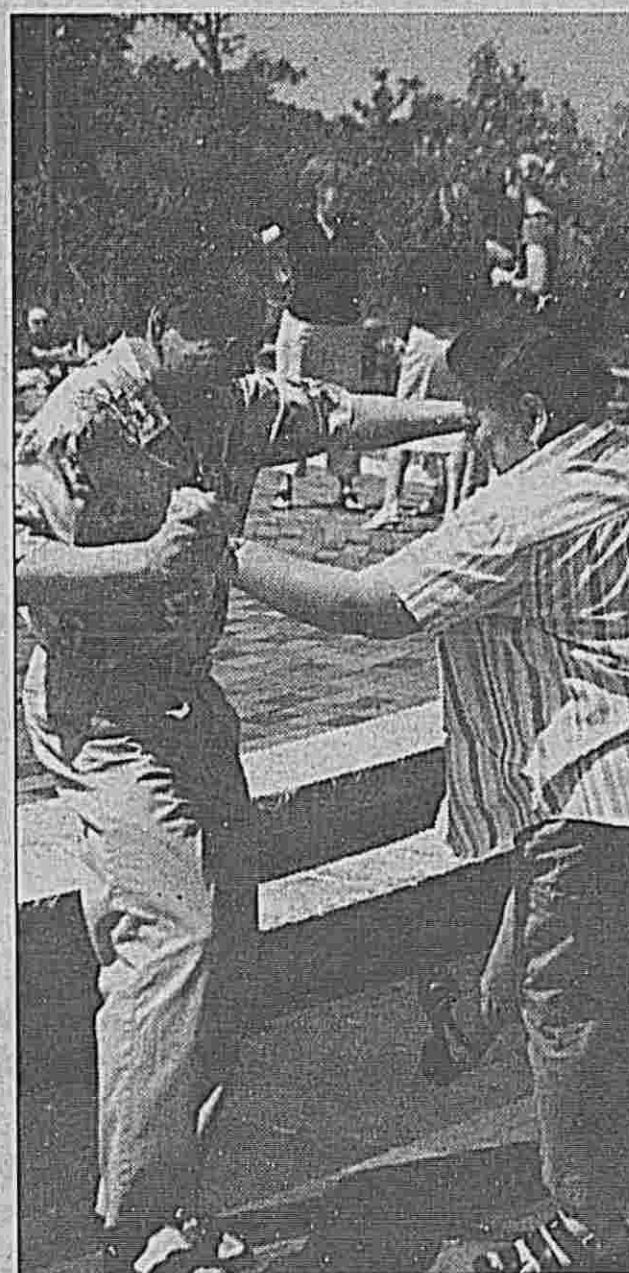
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Special thanks for our many volunteers including the Master of Ceremonies, Larry Leafblad, and members of the Lake County Forest Preserve Board of Commissioners, the Lake County Sheriff's Department, staff and volunteers, Abbott Laboratories, Winchester House and the Youth Conservation Corps.



What?

The 34th Annual Seniors Day Celebration, a special free event exclusively for Lake County residents ages 55 and better.

Where?

This year seniors can enjoy the same great event at a great location, Independence Grove Forest Preserve near Libertyville. This site offers seniors many exciting outdoor recreation and relaxation opportunities.

Centrally located in Lake County, Independence Grove Forest Preserve offers a variety of active outdoor recreation facilities such as a swimming beach, marina and nearly seven miles of trail. The Preserve's spacious and air-conditioned Visitor's Center is ideal for indoor activities and will house sponsor exhibits and the raffle registration area.

When?

Wednesday, June 14, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain or shine.

On event day, Independence Grove will be open exclusively to seniors and will be closed to

other Preserve vehicle traffic until 3 p.m.

What to bring?

Seniors should bring their dancing shoes, along with a picnic lunch and a lawnchair. Light snacks such as pretzels, watermelon, ice cream, cookies and beverages like lemonade, iced tea, coffee and water are provided while supplies last. Beer is not provided. The lifeguard-supervised swimming beach offers a chance to take a refreshing dip so bring your beach attire (changing rooms available). Nearby trails are great for hiking and biking (bring your bike or ride right in).

Event History:

The Event began in 1972 as a small picnic at Lakewood Forest Preserve in Wauconda. It has grown through the years to become Lake County's largest senior recognition event, now drawing nearly 5,000 seniors to the festivities. Sponsors help underwrite the cost of the event and many townships help with the cost of refreshments and provide free transportation.

The seniors come year after year to meet old friends and make new ones.



Seniors Day celebration returns to Independence Grove

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Lake County seniors age 55 and better come share good times with friends and make new ones at the Lake County Forest Preserves' 34th Annual Seniors Day Celebration. Lake County's largest recognition event for seniors is made possible by Silver Sponsors Lake Forest Hospital and Lakeland Media.

Pack a picnic lunch, put on your dancing shoes and head to the 2006 Seniors Day event, on Wednesday, June 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rain or shine) at Independence Grove Forest Preserve in Libertyville.

The event is FREE and open

to Lake County residents age 55 and better. On event day, Independence Grove will be open exclusively for event attendees and will be closed to other general Preserve traffic until 3 p.m.

A variety of event activities will be offered throughout the day, including music and dancing, sponsor exhibits, bingo, pontoon boat rides, horseshoes, swimming (bring your own beach gear; lifeguards on duty), native garden tours, trails for hiking and biking (bring your own bike), and health screenings with Lake Forest Hospital's CareCoach.

Prizes will be awarded to winners of bingo and horseshoes. This year's music will be provided by a DJ who will spin favorites from the 1950s and 60s and take song requests.

Seniors should bring a picnic lunch and a lawn chair. Light snacks such as pretzels, popcorn, watermelon and ice cream, and beverages like lemonade, iced tea, coffee and water are provided while supplies last (beer not provided).

The Preserve's spacious and air-conditioned Visitors Center will house sponsor exhibits, the registration area for raffle drawings and bingo. In addition to valuable health care and senior services information, sponsors will also offer giveaways and product samples.

Just outside of the Visitors Center, Lake Forest Hospital's CareCoach will offer free medical screenings throughout the day.

The 2006 Seniors Day event is made possible by generous support from Silver Sponsors Lake Forest Hospital and Lakeland Media. Contributing Sponsors include Blue Cross Blue Shield



There's always something fun to do at the Senior Day celebration.

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Many Lake County Township Offices provide bus transporta-

tion to the event. Call your local Township Supervisor for details.

For more information on the Seniors Day Celebration, call the Seniors Day hotline at 847-968-3333 or the Forest Preserve General Offices at 847-367-6640. If you are interested in providing sponsorship support, contact Event Coordinator, Allison Lehnen, at 847-968-3261.

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More and more younger generations are hearing that Social Security should not be considered a reliable source of financial support come retirement. With the debate over what to do with Social Security still ongoing, such advice seems to hold its weight. But for those currently on the cusp of retirement or even those who are already retired, managing your money, even if you are receiving Social Security benefits, can be a difficult thing to do.

Perhaps the biggest hurdle for many retirees is the increase in average life expectancy. Thanks in large part to advancements in medicine and an overall societal shift where a greater emphasis has been placed on physical fitness, people are living longer these days. In spite of that, many retirees are not planning

on living longer, meaning their money is more likely to run out before they die.

In the recent Retirement Confidence Survey conducted by the Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI), 18 percent of workers said they expect their retirement to last 10 years or less, while 15 percent said they expect retirement to last 11 to 19 years. In reality, those expectations are off the mark.

Roughly half of all men who live to be 65 can and should expect to be alive at 82, while half of all women who live to be 65 can expect to see their 86th birthday. That means male retirees should plan for their retirement to run at least 17 years, while females should plan for almost 20.

Planning for such a long haul can be difficult, to say the least. According to

AARP, retirees should plan on needing somewhere between 70 to 80 percent of their pre-retirement income. That can seem like an impossible mountain to climb for many, but the right planning and investing should make it less daunting than it seems. To ensure that you have sufficient funds come retirement, consider the following precautions.

- Exercise financial self-control. Whether you didn't save enough over the years, your investments didn't pan out as well as you hoped or you don't have a pension that will last as long as you will, you surely don't want to outlast your financial resources, however small or grandiose your portfolio may be. That means you'll need to tighten the purse strings a little. The best advice is to keep a cap on the amount you withdraw from

your assets.

While it might seem like a small number, financial advisors typically say retirees are putting themselves in a bad spot if they withdraw five percent or more of their total assets each year. The chances of going broke during retirement increase greatly when your withdrawal amount crosses the threshold of five percent. While withdrawing as little as possible is the most beneficial approach, somewhere around three to four percent should allow you some freedoms and keep you secure down the road. It's also best to withdraw first from taxable accounts while steering clear of the money you have in tax-deferred accounts as long as possible.

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New name says it all: Comprehensive Breast Care Center at Lake Forest Hospital

Breast care has been an important component of the Hunter Family Center for Women's Health at Lake Forest Hospital since the day it opened in 2004. What began as the Breast Care Center recently has evolved into the Comprehensive Breast Care Center. This new name reflects the ongoing process of creating an even more comprehensive approach to clinical health-care services that's also kinder and more convenient for women with an emphasis on prevention and early detection of diseases and conditions.

A major step in this process was taken in late March when the center's Medical Advisory Council announced that Drs. Stephen Ganshirt and Beth Sylvester-Cook will share clinical leadership and oversight responsibilities as the center's first medical co-directors.

Ganshirt, a Lake Forest surgeon, has been member of the Lake Forest Hospital Medical Staff since 1994. He chairs the Department of Surgery and also has served as the hospital's trauma director and chairman of Lake Forest Managed Care Association. In looking forward to his leadership role at the Comprehensive Breast Care Center, Ganshirt says, "I'm very excited for this opportunity to work with Dr. Sylvester to organize the center in a way that will be much more convenient for our patients while providing them access to all the latest treatment opportunities available anywhere."



Ganshirt

Sylvester-Cook, a diagnostic radiologist, spends the majority of her practice at the Comprehensive Breast Care Center overseeing and interpreting mammograms, breast ultrasounds and MRIs as well as performing a variety of imaging-guided breast needle core biopsies. "My goal as medical co-director is simple and heartfelt – to continue to provide the competent services we already have in place, but in a kinder, more comprehensive fashion," she says. "This includes monitoring expectations after a simple screening mammogram, adequately explaining results and recommendations after a diagnostic exam, and guiding patients diagnosed with cancer through the treatment process."



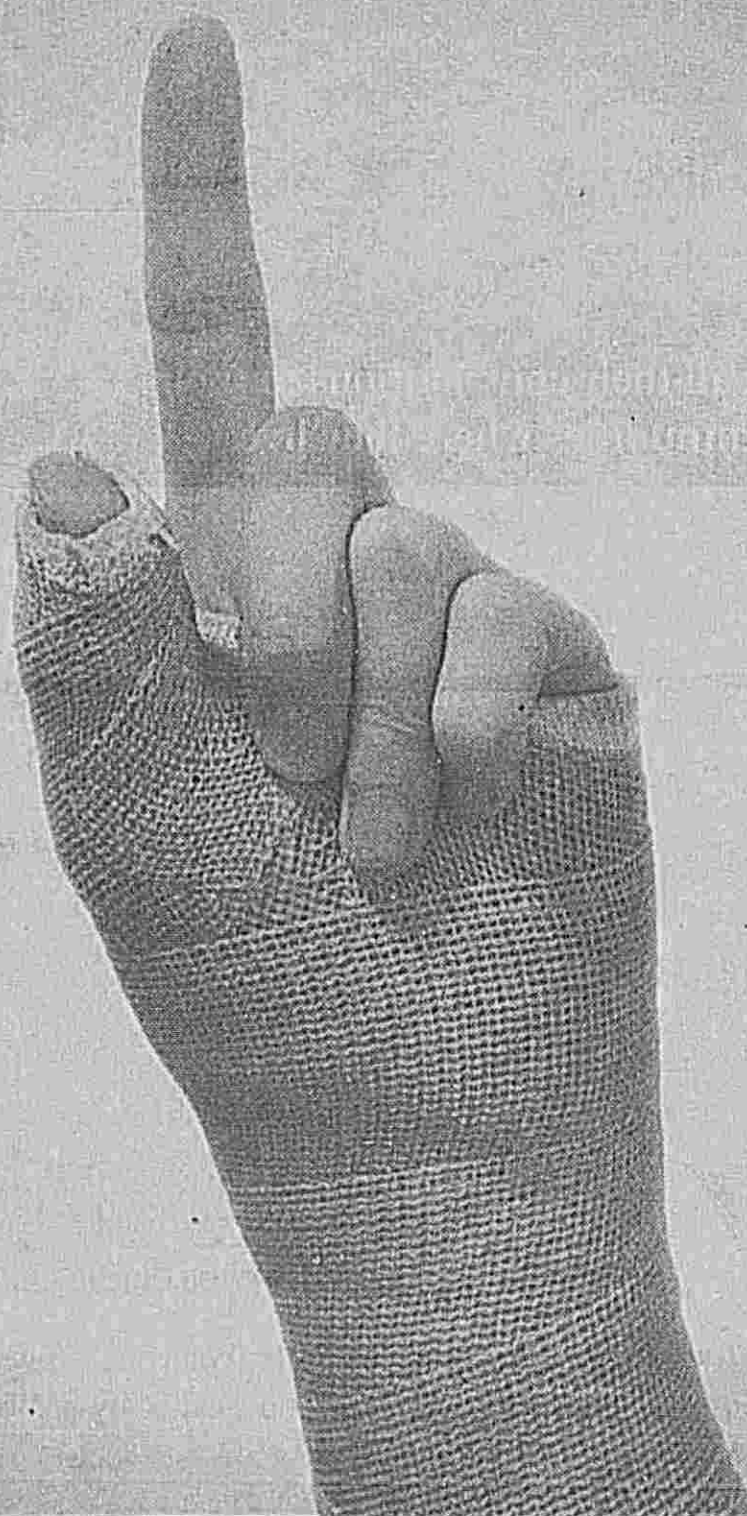
Sylvester-Cook

The Comprehensive Breast Care Center Medical Advisory Council, comprised of eight physicians representing all specialties relating to breast care, is guiding development of a truly seamless breast care program for patients and their families. Serving with Ganshirt and Sylvester-Cook as council members are Dr. Heather Heiberger, OB/GYN; Dr. Thomas Mientus, pathology;

Dr. Marc Posner, radiation oncology; Dr. Anthony Terrasse, plastic surgery; Dr. Dean Tsarwhas, medical oncology; and Dr. Shana Weiss, internal medicine. In addition, four hospital officials serve as ad hoc members of the council, making it a truly multi-disciplinary team. They are Vice President Marsha Oberrieder, Executive Director of Women's Services Kim Nagy, Director of Diagnostic Imaging Susan Becker, and Posy Krehbiel Prevention & Wellness Center Manager Pauline Norton.

The next step will be the imminent hiring of a nurse navigator, who will provide individualized coordination of care by serving as a consultant.

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Cruising 101:

Tips for planning a memorable cruise



Cruise vacations have become a popular way to see the world with new ships and themed excursions being added every year. In fact, between 1980 and 2004, the cruise industry has seen an 8.2 percent average passenger growth rate per year. If you've considered a cruise, but feel daunted by choices and questions, use the information below from Orbitz travel expert Heather Leisman to take the mystery out of organizing and preparing for your very own sea adventure:

1. Choose the right ship.

Today's cruise ships are getting bigger and better, and even offer themed vacations that cater to different types of travelers, including families, seniors and singles. Countless amenities are available for everyone, including spas, health clubs, casinos, pools, restaurants, bars and shops.

Before booking a cruise, check out the ship's layout, amenities and activities. Take advantage of the Internet - many online travel agencies and services offer in-depth information to help you research and book a cruise that fits your needs.

2. Get to your port.

Before your cruise begins, you need to book travel to the embarkation port city. Remember to factor in travel time from the airport to the dock. If you are nervous about getting to the ship on time, consider booking a hotel stay in the port city the night before.

Log on to one-stop-shopping travel sites, such as Orbitz.com, where you can explore, compare and book everything from your flight and hotel to the cruise itself. You can even talk directly to a cruise specialist, browse different ships and read about various cruise packages offered.



3. Indulge yourself.

It is no myth that food is plentiful on cruise ships. Breakfast, lunch and access to the fine dining room for dinner are all at your disposal. Since more people are onboard during dinner hours, you are normally given a seating time. If you are concerned about feeling rushed to get back to the ship from exotic ports of call, ask to be seated at the later dinnertime when you're booking your cruise.

Take note, however, that it is usually a myth that all drinks are free when cruising (some cruises include all drinks). Most cruise lines offer free coffee, juice, iced tea and water. Normally, other drinks (alcoholic beverages and soft drinks) are subject to a price.

4. Spend wisely.

Worried about overspending during your cruise? It's important to pay close attention to how much you are spending daily. Many ships have a cashless environment where passengers receive a credit-card like pass for equipment rentals and additional expenses. Remember that when you buy drinks and specialty food, the tip is already included on most cruise lines. However, on most cruises you will also be expected to tip your stateroom attendant, maitre d', head waiter and assistant waiter at the end of the cruise. Consult your cruise line for recommended tip amounts.

Whether you are looking for relaxation or adventure and excitement on the high seas, there's plenty to choose from.



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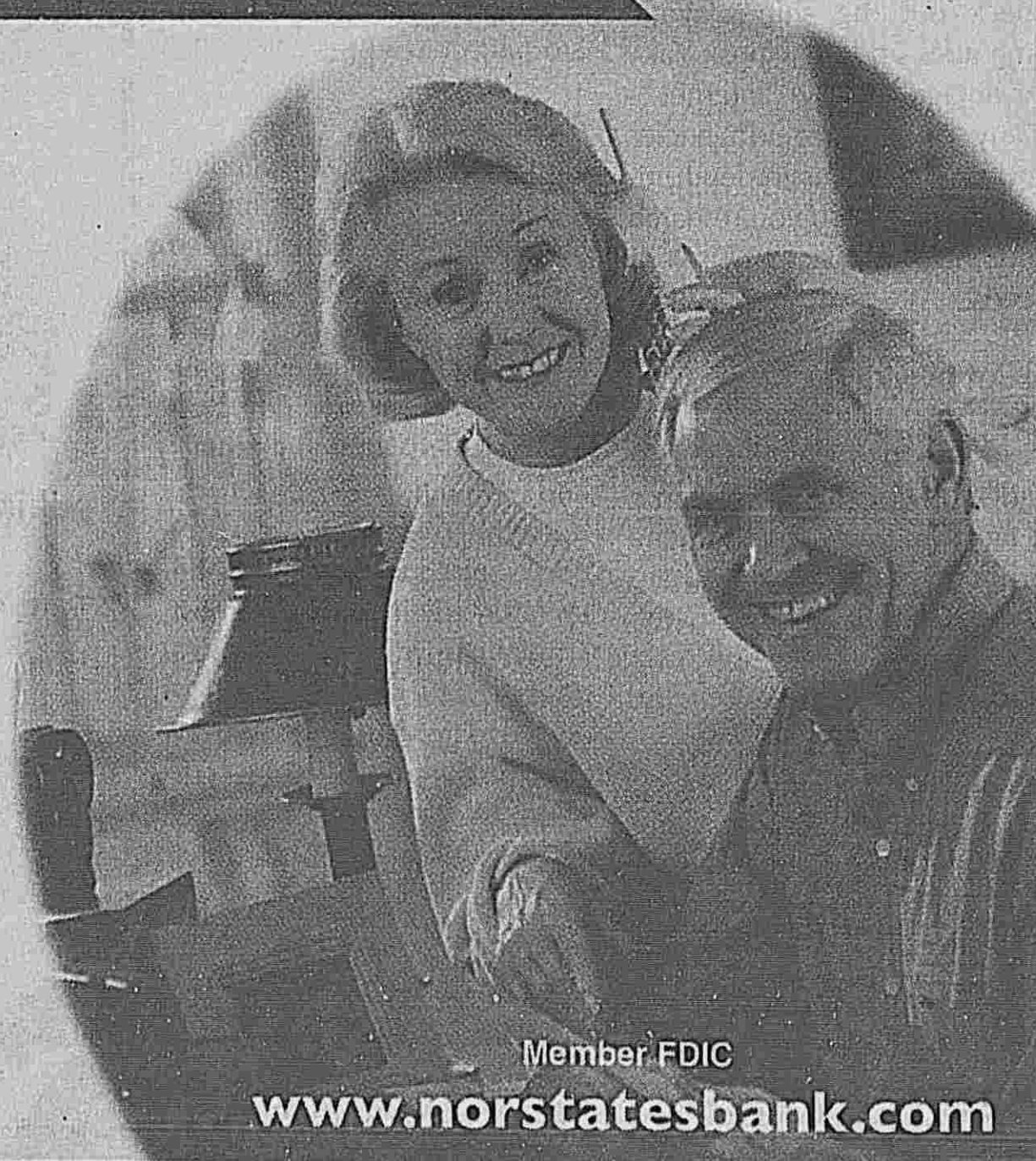
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The age-old advice that you shouldn't put all your eggs in one basket continues to ring true when it comes to successful investing. In fact, diversification, or the way a portfolio is allocated among investment types, often is more important than the specific stocks, bonds or mutual funds selected.

That's why Robert Wickenkamp, an investment representative with the investment firm Edward Jones, offers a service called Portfolio Analysis to his clients. The program assists investors in ensuring that their portfolios are properly diversified. Contact him at 847-356-6272 for a free review.

MANAGING

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- Hold off on Social Security as long as you can. A great way to meet the AARP-suggested goal of maintaining 70 to 80 percent of your pre-retirement income is to hold out as long as possible on collecting your Social Security benefits. Those who hold out the longest can expect to get around 40 percent of that pre-retirement income back from Social Security benefits. That can go a long way toward meeting the 70 to 80 percent barometer that should be your goal.

As many retirees are aware, however, you won't receive your full benefits unless you file after you've reached the full retirement age of 65. You can file as early as your 62nd birthday, but you'll receive a reduced benefit for doing so. If you can hold out until age 65 or beyond, it's in your best interest to do so.

- Expect the unexpected. Even for youngsters, health is a concern. For the elderly, however, it is more of an immediate concern. Health-care expenses, even if you're currently in good shape, should be added in to your retirement budget. Also, consider your spouse's health and plan for their health-care costs as well. Saving for unforeseen health-care costs should be a chief concern. Such costs, when not planned for ahead of time, can greatly reduce the assets you have available to you in retirement.

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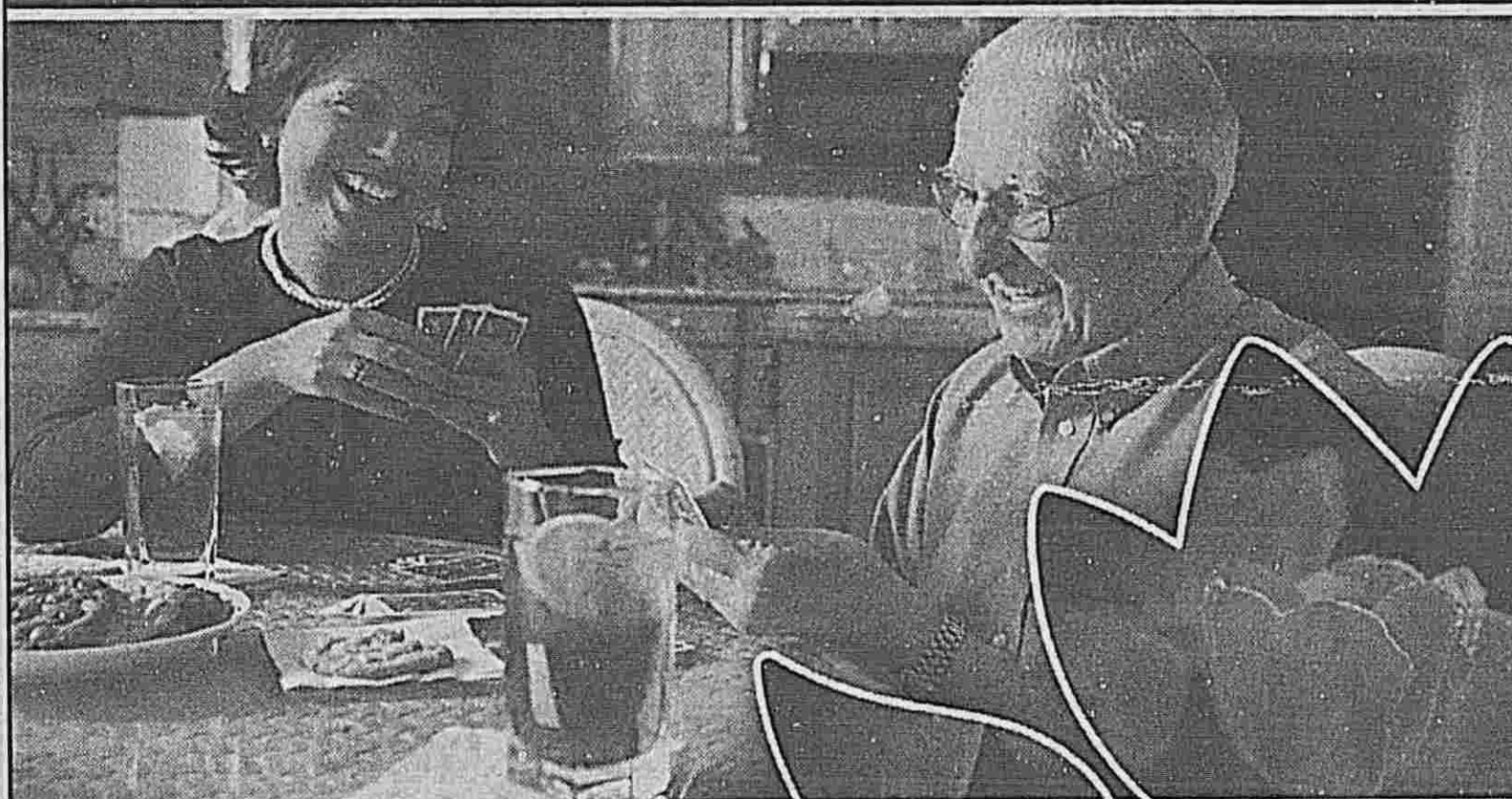
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Beyond close-captioned television programming and hearing aids, there are a host of items that are geared exclusively for the deaf or hearing impaired. If you or someone you deal with on a daily basis has hearing difficulties, consider investigating these items to enhance your or their quality of living.

- Alarm clocks and watches — Get up for appointments, work or school with a vibrating alarm clock. Some can be mounted to a pillow with straps, while others can be placed beneath a bed mattress. It will shake awake even the heaviest of sleepers! On a similar vein, vibrating alarm watches can alert you to meetings, doctor

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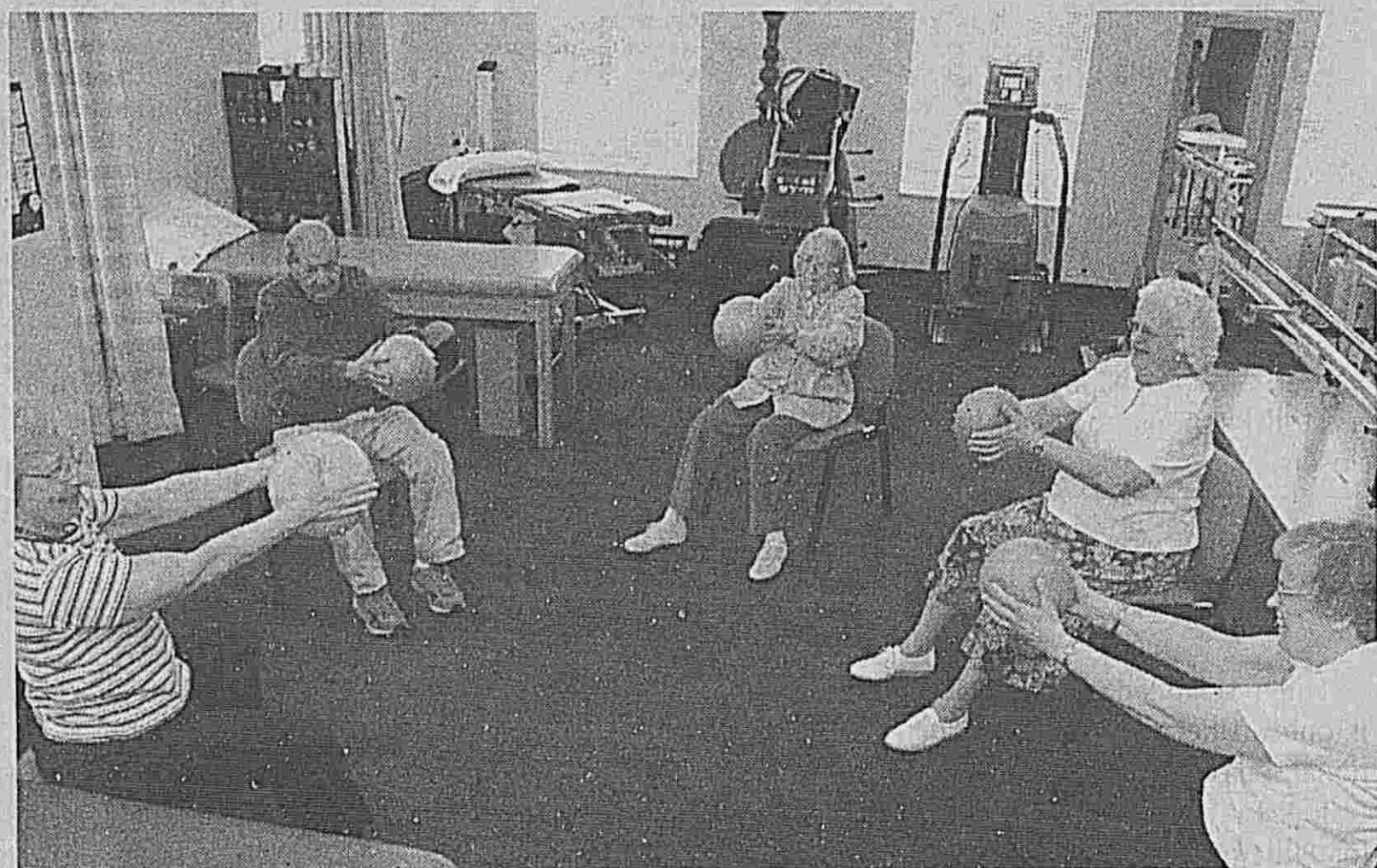
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(l-r) Inge Crowley, physical therapist, leads George and Ann Hollenhorst, Bernadette Schultz and Sr. Loretta Tiernan in a senior exercise course at the Vista Physical Medicine Center in Gurnee. In addition to exercise classes, the center provides outpatient rehabilitation services. Call 847-599-0400 for more information. Exercise classes and outpatient rehabilitation are also offered at the Vista Surgery and Treatment Center in Lindenhurst (847-356-4750).

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The program's staff helps patients to set achievable goals and then meet them. Samonds gave an example of a woman whose goal was to return to live with her son in Poland. To achieve this goal, she had to be able to walk aboard an airplane, use restroom facilities on her own, and perform other essential daily tasks. To help patients learn basic living skills such as walking, eating, bathing, dressing, grooming

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SER-Jobs for Progress, Inc. of Lake County, a multi service community based organization, is committed to providing seniors residing in Lake and McHenry Counties with a quality employment training program that will prepare them to become competitive in the local job market. SCSEP is the acronym for Senior Community Employment Program, but what it really stands for is "hope." This program places low-income seniors, 55 and older, in part-time community

service positions, then helps them with the transition to unsubsidized employment.

These community service projects could encompass anything from social, health and welfare to library, recreational or beautification projects. They can better the community, strengthen economic development or enhance environmental quality. Because of SCSEP, everyone benefits. Seniors gain economic self-sufficiency while the community benefits in an area that will help it thrive.

The goal of SCSEP is to train and place eligible seniors in unsubsidized employment.

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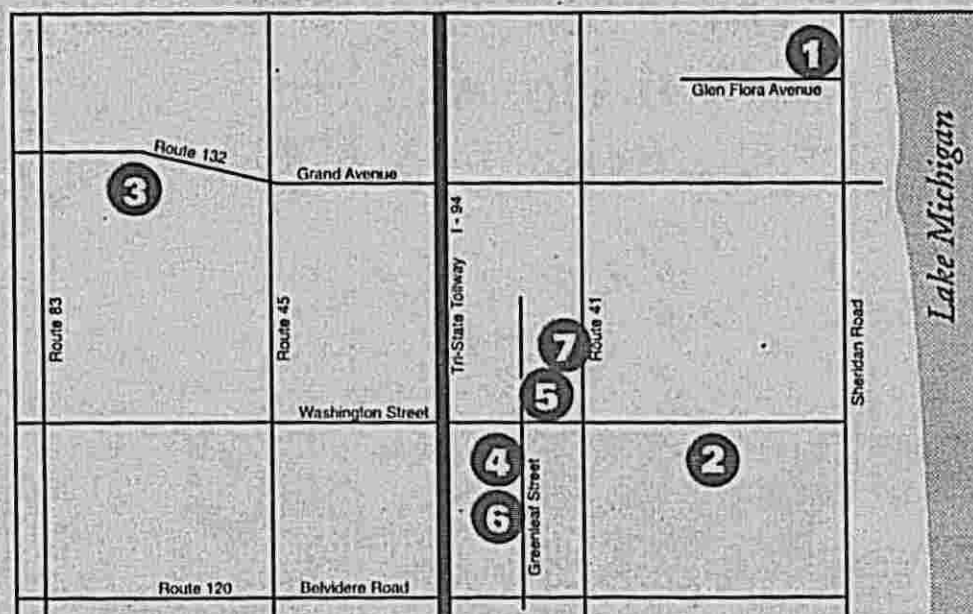
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Q I enjoy the music of Tennessee Ernie Ford. What's the significance of the name Tennessee?

—Gene Barnum Smith, Osceola, Wis.

Best known for the 1955 hit single "Sixteen Tons," Ford, a Tennessean by birth, moved to California and took a disc jockey job after serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II. "During his stint at KXLA in Pasadena in the late 1940s, he did air time as two personalities," says Ford's son, Jeffrey. "'Ernest Ford' did the news every hour, but from 11 until 3, he was 'Tennessee Ernie,' a crazed hillbilly from east Tennessee, playing all the hits and singing along with many of them." The silly "Tennessee Ernie" nickname stuck when Ford went on to launch his own music career. He had numerous country hits, hosted two network TV series and won a Grammy for one of his gospel albums. He died Oct. 17, 1991, exactly—to the day—36 years after "Sixteen Tons" was released.



Tonight bandleader Kevin Eubanks

Q What can you tell us about Kevin Eubanks, Jay Leno's bandleader?

—Nancy Hanna, Little Falls, N.Y.

Often the butt of host Leno's good-natured jokes, Eubanks, 48, took over as leader of the *The Tonight Show* band in 1995. Growing up in Philadelphia, he studied violin at age 7, later becoming proficient on piano and trumpet. He fell in love with the guitar at a James Brown concert when he was 12, taught himself how to play and went on to study at Boston's Berklee School of Music, tour extensively and teach music at several esteemed universities in the United States and abroad. In addition to his work on *Tonight*, he has released 12 albums and written music for several TV movies and independent films, including the PBS documentary series *Black Westerners*.



Highlander's Adrian Paul

Q I was a big fan of Adrian Paul in the *Highlander* movies. What is he doing these days?

—Betty Moxley, Jonesville, Mich.

The London-born actor has reprised his role as Duncan MacLeod, a Scotsman "Immortal" keeping Earth safe from evil, for a new science-fiction-fantasy *Highlander* movie due out later this year. "It's the same idea of the story, but we've gotten a little more technological on it," says Paul, named sexiest action star by *People* magazine in 2000. When he's not in front of the cameras, he's working on behalf of his charitable P.E.A.C.E. (Protect, Educate, Aid Children Everywhere) foundation.

Q Does Marion Ross from *Happy Days* still do any acting?

—Margaret Roy, Wilson, N.C.

Since playing Mrs. Cunningham on *Happy Days* (1974-1984), the 77-year-old actress has had recurring TV roles on *The Gilmore Girls*, *The Drew Carey Show*, *Touched by an Angel*, *Brooklyn Bridge* and *That '70s Show*. She's also done voiceover work for the animated series *SpongeBob SquarePants*, *King of the Hill* and *The Wild Thornberys*, and starred in *Where There's a Will*, a recent TV movie about late-in-life romance. "It's important for people to realize that romance can happen at any time in your life," she says.

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Marion Ross in TV's *Where There's a Will*

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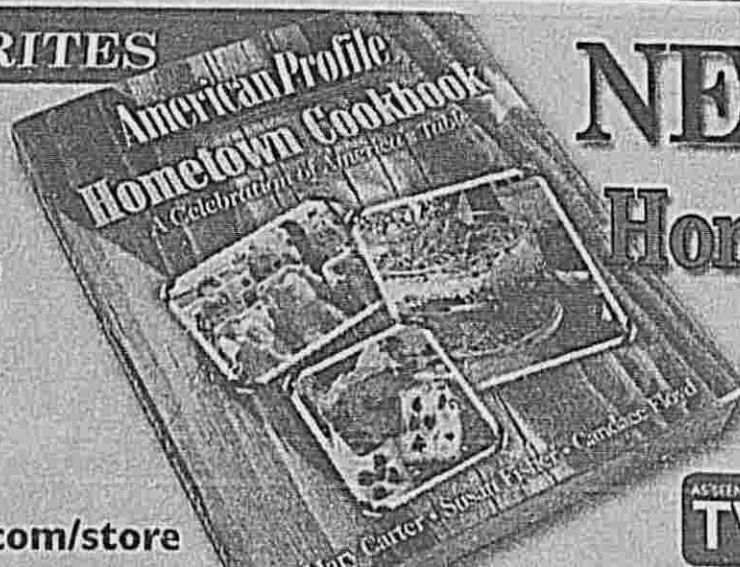
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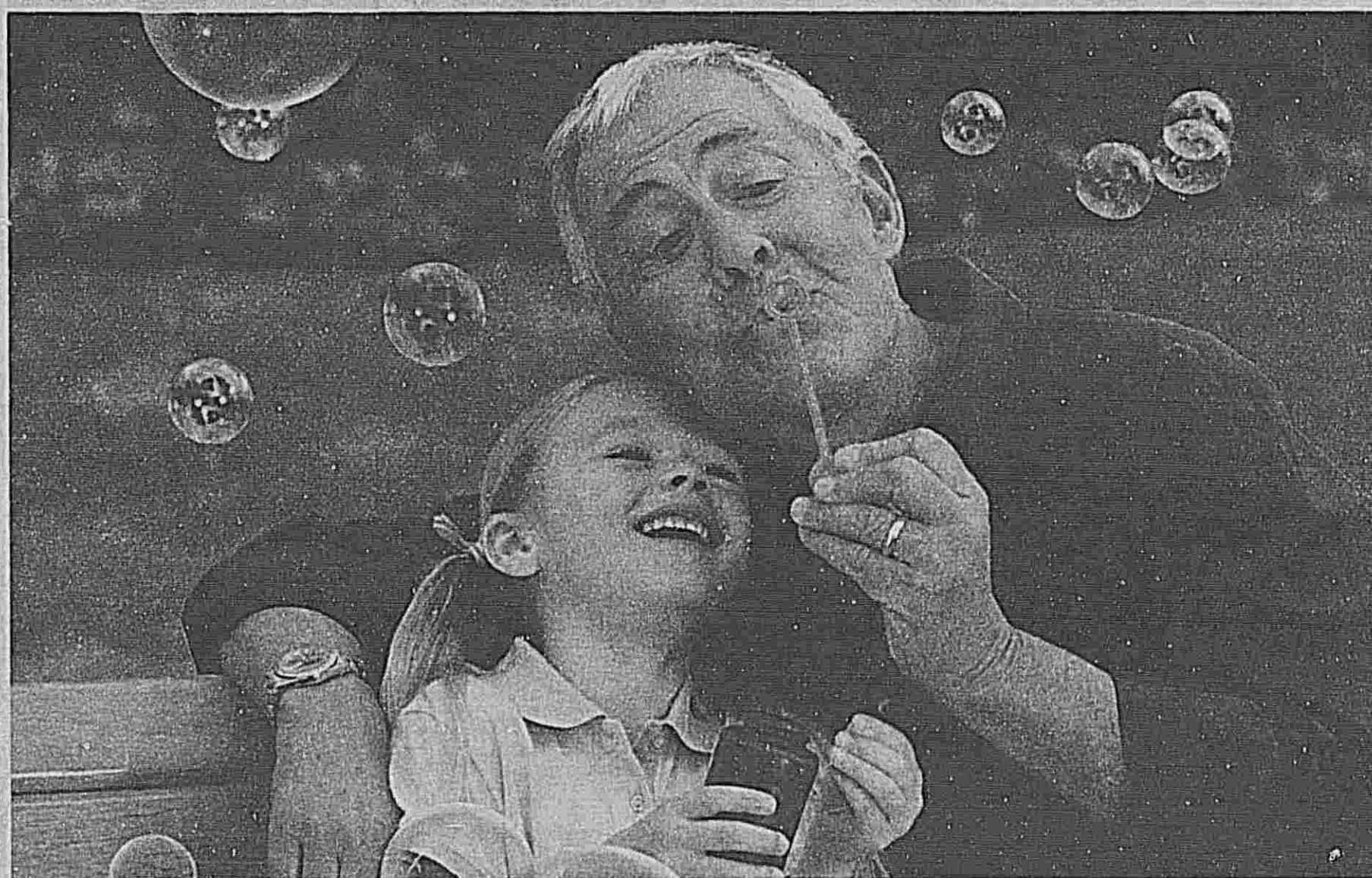
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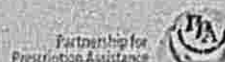
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What is the most important information I should know about ADVAIR DISKUS?

In patients with asthma, long-acting beta₂-agonist medicines such as salmeterol (one of the medications in ADVAIR[®]) may increase the chance of death from asthma problems. In a large asthma study, more patients who used salmeterol died from asthma problems compared with patients who did not use salmeterol. So ADVAIR is not for patients whose asthma is well controlled on another asthma controller medicine such as low- to medium-dose inhaled corticosteroids or only need a fast-acting inhaler once in a while. Talk with your doctor about this risk and the benefits of treating your asthma with ADVAIR.

ADVAIR should not be used to treat a severe attack of asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) requiring emergency medical treatment.

ADVAIR should not be used to relieve sudden symptoms or sudden breathing problems. Always have a fast-acting inhaler with you to treat sudden breathing difficulty. If you do not have a fast-acting inhaler, contact your doctor to have one prescribed for you.

What is ADVAIR DISKUS?

There are two medicines in ADVAIR: Fluticasone propionate, an inhaled anti-inflammatory belonging to a group of medicines commonly referred to as corticosteroids; and salmeterol, a long-acting, inhaled bronchodilator belonging to a group of medicines commonly referred to as beta₂-agonists. There are 3 strengths of ADVAIR: 100/50, 250/50, 500/50.

For Asthma

- ADVAIR is approved for the maintenance treatment of asthma in patients 4 years of age and older. ADVAIR should only be used if your doctor decides that another asthma controller medicine alone does not control your asthma or that you need 2 asthma controller medications.
- The strength of ADVAIR approved for patients ages 4 to 11 years who experience symptoms on an inhaled corticosteroid is ADVAIR DISKUS 100/50. All 3 strengths are approved for patients with asthma ages 12 years and older.

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ADVAIR 250/50 is the only approved dose for the maintenance treatment of airflow obstruction in patients with COPD associated with chronic bronchitis. The benefit of using ADVAIR for longer than 6 months has not been evaluated. The way anti-inflammatories work in the treatment of COPD is not well defined.

Who should not take ADVAIR DISKUS?

You should not start ADVAIR if your asthma is becoming significantly or rapidly worse, which can be life threatening. Serious respiratory events, including death, have been reported in patients who started taking salmeterol in this situation, although it is not possible to tell whether salmeterol contributed to these events. This may also occur in patients with less severe asthma.

You should not take ADVAIR if you have had an allergic reaction to it or any of its components (salmeterol, fluticasone propionate, or lactose). Tell your doctor if you are allergic to ADVAIR, any other medications, or food products. If you experience an allergic reaction after taking ADVAIR, stop using ADVAIR immediately and contact your doctor. Allergic reactions are when you experience one or more of the following: choking; breathing problems; swelling of the face, mouth and/or tongue; rash; hives; itching; or welts on the skin.

Tell your doctor about the following:

- If you are using your fast-acting inhaler more often or using more doses than you normally do (e.g., 4 or more inhalations of your fast-acting inhaler for 2 or more days in a row or a whole canister of your fast-acting inhaler in 8 weeks' time), it could be a sign that your asthma is getting worse. If this occurs, tell your doctor immediately.
- If you have been using your fast-acting inhaler regularly (e.g., four times a day). Your doctor may tell you to stop the regular use of these medications.
- If your peak flow meter results decrease. Your doctor will tell you the numbers that are right for you.
- If you have asthma and your symptoms do not improve after using ADVAIR regularly for 1 week.
- If you have been on an oral steroid, like prednisone, and are now using ADVAIR. You should be very careful as you may be less able to heal after surgery, infection, or serious injury. It takes a number of months for the body to recover its ability to make its own steroid hormones after use of oral steroids. Switching from an oral steroid may also unmask a condition previously suppressed by the oral steroid such as allergies, conjunctivitis, eczema, arthritis, and eosinophilic conditions. Symptoms of an eosinophilic condition can include rash, worsening breathing problems, heart complications, and/or feeling of "pins and needles" or numbness in the arms and legs. Talk to your doctor immediately if you experience any of these symptoms.
- Sometimes patients experience unexpected bronchospasm right after taking ADVAIR. This condition can be life threatening and if it occurs, you should immediately stop using ADVAIR and seek immediate medical attention.
- If you have any type of heart disease such as coronary artery disease, irregular heart beat or high blood pressure, ADVAIR should be used with caution. Be sure to talk with your doctor about your condition because salmeterol, one of the components of ADVAIR, may affect the heart by increasing heart rate and blood pressure. It may cause symptoms such as heart fluttering, chest pain, rapid heart rate, tremor, or nervousness.
- If you have seizures, overactive thyroid gland, liver problems, or are sensitive to certain medications for breathing.
- If your breathing problems get worse over time or if your fast-acting inhaler does not work as well for you while using ADVAIR. If your breathing problems worsen quickly, get emergency medical care.
- If you have been exposed to or currently have chickenpox or measles or if you have an immune system problem. Patients using medications that weaken the immune system are more likely to get infections than healthy individuals. ADVAIR contains a corticosteroid (fluticasone propionate) which may weaken the immune system. Infections like chickenpox and measles, for example, can be very serious or even fatal in susceptible patients using corticosteroids.

How should I take ADVAIR DISKUS?

ADVAIR should be used 1 inhalation, twice a day (morning and evening). ADVAIR should never be taken more than 1 inhalation twice a day. The full benefit of taking ADVAIR may take 1 week or longer.

If you miss a dose of ADVAIR, just skip that dose. Take your next dose at your usual time. Do not take two doses at one time.

Do not stop using ADVAIR unless told to do so by your doctor because your symptoms might get worse.

Do not change or stop any of your medicines used to control or treat your breathing problems. Your doctor will adjust your medicines as needed.

When using ADVAIR, remember:

- Never breathe into or take the DISKUS[®] apart.
- Always use the DISKUS in a level position.
- After each inhalation, rinse your mouth with water without swallowing.
- Never wash any part of the DISKUS. Always keep it in a dry place.
- Never take an extra dose, even if you feel you did not receive a dose.
- Discard 1 month after removal from the foil overwrap.
- Do not use ADVAIR with a spacer device.

Children should use ADVAIR with an adult's help as instructed by the child's doctor.

Can I take ADVAIR DISKUS with other medications?

Tell your doctor about all the medications you take, including prescription and nonprescription medications, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

If you are taking ADVAIR, you should not take SEREVENT[®] DISKUS or Foradil[®] Aerolizer[®] for any reason.

If you take ritonavir (an HIV medication), tell your doctor. Ritonavir may interact with ADVAIR and could cause serious side effects. The anti-HIV medicines Norvir[®] Soft Gelatin Capsules, Norvir Oral Solution, and Kaletra[®] contain ritonavir.

No formal drug interaction studies have been performed with ADVAIR.

In clinical studies, there were no differences in effects on the heart when ADVAIR was taken with varying amounts of albuterol. The effect of using ADVAIR in patients with asthma while taking more than 9 puffs a day of albuterol has not been studied.

ADVAIR should be used with extreme caution during and up to 2 weeks after treatment with monoamine oxidase (MAO) inhibitors or tricyclic antidepressants since these medications can cause ADVAIR to have an even greater effect on the circulatory system.

ADVAIR should be used with caution in people who are taking ketoconazole (an antifungal medication) or other drugs broken down by the body in a similar way. These medications can cause ADVAIR to have greater steroid side effects.

Generally, people with asthma should not take beta-blockers because they counteract the effects of beta₂-agonists and may also cause severe bronchospasm. However, in some cases, for instance, following a heart attack, selective beta-blockers may still be used if there is no acceptable alternative.

The ECG changes and/or low blood potassium that may occur with some diuretics may be made worse by ADVAIR, especially at higher-than-recommended doses. Caution should be used when these drugs are used together.

In clinical studies, there was no difference in side effects when ADVAIR was taken with methylxanthines (e.g., theophylline) or with FLONASE[®].

What are other important safety considerations with ADVAIR DISKUS?

Osteoporosis: Long-term use of inhaled corticosteroids may result in bone loss (osteoporosis). Patients who are at risk for increased bone loss (tobacco use, advanced age, inactive lifestyle, poor nutrition, family history of osteoporosis, or long-term use of drugs such as corticosteroids) may have a greater risk with ADVAIR. If you have risk factors for bone loss, you should talk to your doctor about ways to reduce your risk and whether you should have your bone density evaluated.

Glaucoma and cataracts: Glaucoma, increased pressure in the eyes, and cataracts have been reported with the use of inhaled steroids, including fluticasone propionate, a medicine contained in ADVAIR. Regular eye examinations should be considered if you are taking ADVAIR.

Lower respiratory tract infection: Lower respiratory tract infections, including pneumonia, have been reported with the use of inhaled corticosteroids, including ADVAIR.

Blood sugar: Salmeterol may affect blood sugar and/or cause low blood potassium in some patients, which could lead to a side effect like an irregular heart rate. Significant changes in blood sugar and blood potassium were seen infrequently in clinical studies with ADVAIR.

Growth: Inhaled steroids may cause a reduction in growth velocity in children and adolescents.

Steroids: Taking steroids can affect your body's ability to make its own steroid hormones, which are needed during infections and times of severe stress to your body, such as an operation. These effects can sometimes be seen with inhaled steroids (but it is more common with oral steroids), especially when taken at higher-than-recommended doses over a long period of time. In some cases, these effects may be severe. Inhaled steroids often help control symptoms with less side effects than oral steroids.

Yeast infections: Patients taking ADVAIR may develop yeast infections of the mouth and/or throat ("thrush") that should be treated by their doctor.

Tuberculosis or other untreated infections: ADVAIR should be used with caution, if at all, in patients with tuberculosis, herpes infections of the eye, or other untreated infections.

What are the other possible side effects of ADVAIR DISKUS?

ADVAIR may produce side effects in some patients. In clinical studies, the most common side effects with ADVAIR included:

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| • Respiratory infections | • Bronchitis | • Musculoskeletal pain |
| • Throat irritation | • Cough | • Dizziness |
| • Hoarseness | • Headaches | • Fever |
| • Sinus infection | • Nausea and vomiting | • Ear, nose, and throat infections |
| • Yeast infection of the mouth | • Diarrhea | • Nosebleed |

Tell your doctor about any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. These are not all the side effects with ADVAIR. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for more information.

What if I am pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or nursing?

Talk to your doctor about the benefits and risks of using ADVAIR during pregnancy, labor, or if you are nursing. There have been no studies of ADVAIR used during pregnancy, labor, or in nursing women. Salmeterol is known to interfere with labor contractions. It is not known whether ADVAIR is excreted in breast milk, but other corticosteroids have been detected in human breast milk. Fluticasone propionate, like other corticosteroids, has been associated with birth defects in animals (e.g., cleft palate and fetal death). Salmeterol showed no effect on fertility in rats at 180 times the maximum recommended daily dose.

What other important tests were conducted with ADVAIR?

There is no evidence of enhanced toxicity with ADVAIR compared with the components administered separately. In animal studies with doses much higher than those used in humans, salmeterol was associated with uterine tumors. Your healthcare professional can tell you more about how drugs are tested on animals and what the results of these tests may mean to your safety.

For more information on ADVAIR DISKUS

This page is only a brief summary of important information about ADVAIR DISKUS. For more information, talk to your doctor. You can also visit www.ADVAIR.com or call 1-888-825-5249. Patients receiving ADVAIR DISKUS should read the medication guide provided by the pharmacist with the prescription.

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Gardening

Attracting Backyard Birds

by KATHY
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To make your flower garden and back yard appealing to birds, offer two important features: a good habitat and a variety of feeders.

Creating a good habitat requires food, water, cover and a place for birds to build nests and raise their young. Even if birds have access to birdseed year-round, most obtain the majority of their food from wild sources. Planting a diversity of perennials, shrubs and trees attracts the widest variety of bird species. Native plants are always a good choice, as local birds find these plants familiar and naturally appealing.

All birds need year-round access to water for drinking and preening their feathers. A water garden, pond or birdbath can be an attractive garden feature as well as an important part of your bird habitat.

Provide cover to ensure that birds have a place to hide from predators. A yard with good cover will have twiggy shrubs, dense evergreens, a tall tree to perch on and pos-



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sibly a stand of ornamental grasses. Hedges, whether deciduous or evergreen, usually provide excellent bird cover.

It's important to remember that the ideal nesting conditions for one bird species can be unacceptable to another. Some nesting birds require a cavity in a dead tree, while others prefer an open vista. Still others want to build their nest inside a small, dense shrub. Again, offering different sizes and shapes makes your yard a welcoming place.

Birds can be as picky about where they eat. Some birds, such as chickadees, will eat from almost any type of feeder, while others have distinct preferences for a specific kind of perch, feeding port, roof or feeder height. For example, some birds refuse to eat from a feeder unless it's at least 3 feet from another feeder. Others will only eat from feeders that are a few inches off the ground.

To cover your bases, put several types of feeders in your yard. These might include a perch feeder for chickadees and nuthatches, a clinging feeder for finches and titmice, a hopper feeder for jays and sparrows, and a platform feeder for cardinals and juncos. Ultimately, the more choices you offer, the more kinds of birds you will attract. ★

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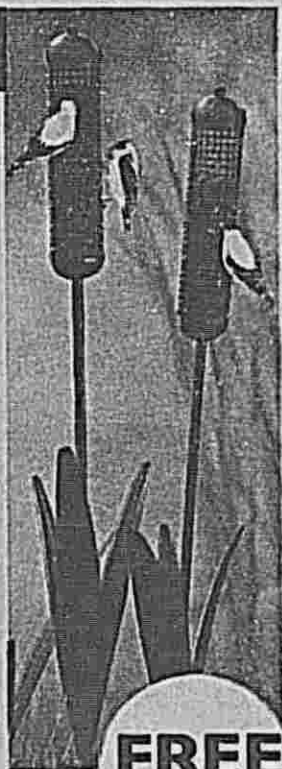
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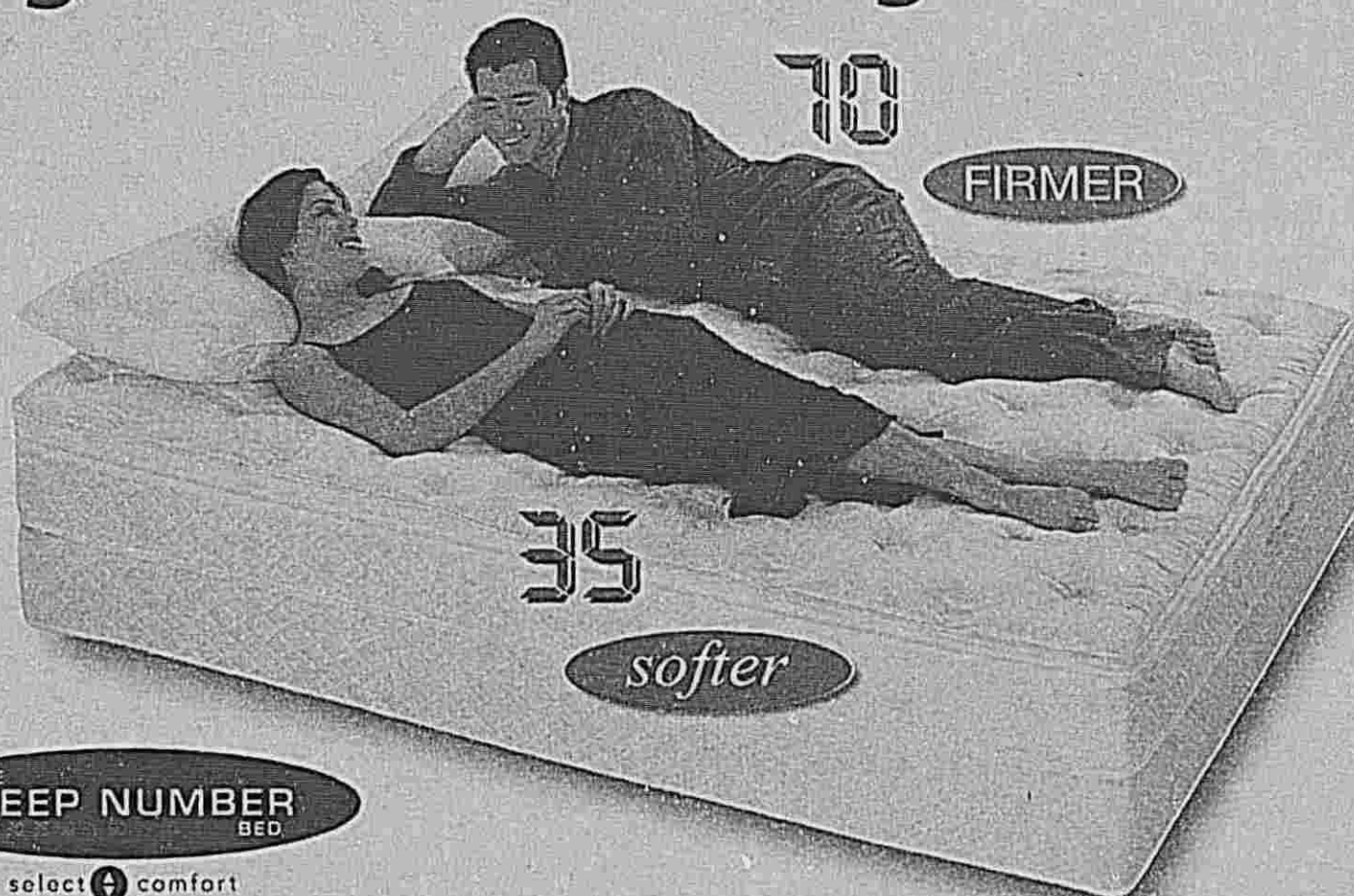
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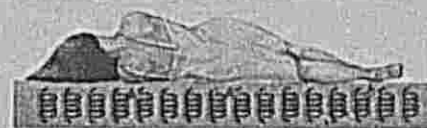


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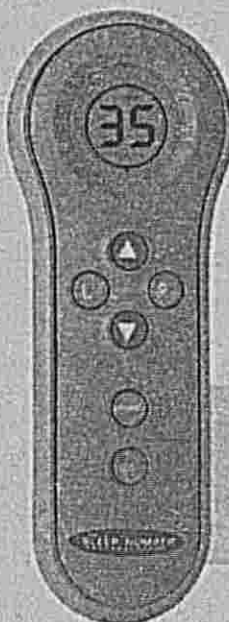
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Matching
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PetFinder.com

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Maisey's green eyes beckon in the photo of her online profile. She likes quiet conversation, has a charming personality and enjoys cuddling. She's even housebroken.

The gray tabby cat is among 200,000 homeless pets seeking human companions at Petfinder.com, a searchable database of cats, dogs, chickens, rabbits, horses, hamsters, pigs, iguanas, llamas and more at 9,000 animal shelters nationwide.

Thanks to Betsy and Jared Saul of Pittstown, N.J., founders of Petfinder.com, these animals have a face and a voice. The matchmakers have been responsible for more than 7 million pet adoptions in the past decade.

"They're pioneers and innovators," says Rich Avanzino, an animal-welfare advocate in Alameda, Calif. "The beauty of Petfinder is that it levels the playing field for grassroots shelters in small towns with the big metropolitan shelters."

Petfinder.com
founders Jared
and Betsy Saul
with adopted
dogs Koble
and Sophie

This means that Clinker, a congenial bluetick coonhound in off-the-beaten-path Mountainburg, Ark. (pop. 682), gets the same exposure and chance of finding a home as a big-city hound when more than 6 million people visit Petfinder.com each month.

Online adoptions

The Sauls started Petfinder.com in December 1995 as a New Year's resolution to help homeless animals. They were driving to dinner and discussing ways to use the Internet.

"I said, 'You know this could be huge for animal shelters,'" says Betsy, 37, who always has had a tender heart for animals. At age 12, she spent her weekends volunteering with an animal-rescue group in Joplin, Mo. (pop. 45,504).

The Sauls envisioned a free online database where people could find and adopt pets from shelters and animal rescue groups. Jared, a radiologist at Herndon Medical Center in Flemington, N.J. (pop. 4,200), was in medical school at the time. He had been teaching himself computer languages since age 13 and was up to speed on the technology.

Betsy had goose bumps when they vowed to create their matchmaking website, imagining how many people could find loving companions. That weekend, Jared wrote a computer program for the service and Betsy started contacting shelters in New Jersey. They didn't have a fax machine, but a neighbor lent his so that 13 shelters in the state could provide information on animals available for adoption. Betsy typed in the information and scanned photos to post on the website.

"We began receiving testimonials from the shelters and adopters right away," says Jared, 36. By the end of the year, a thousand people were visiting the site daily and shelters reported that adoptions were skyrocketing because of Petfinder.com. More and more shelters were becoming members.

In August 1998, the Sauls decided to expand the service to animal shelters nationwide. Betsy gave up her job as an urban forester to run Petfinder.com full time.

The couple set a lofty goal: to arrange 5 million animal adoptions within five years.

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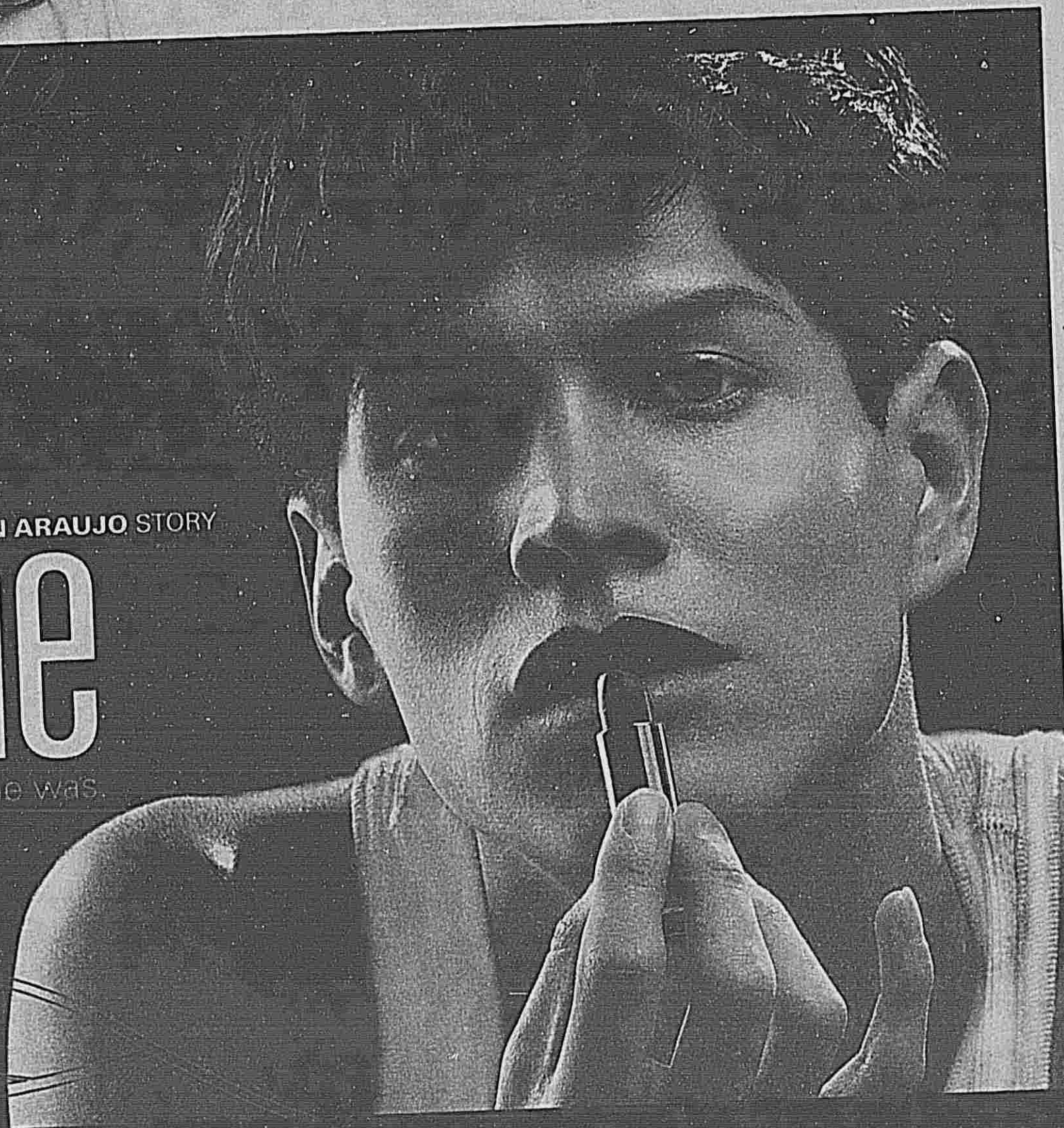
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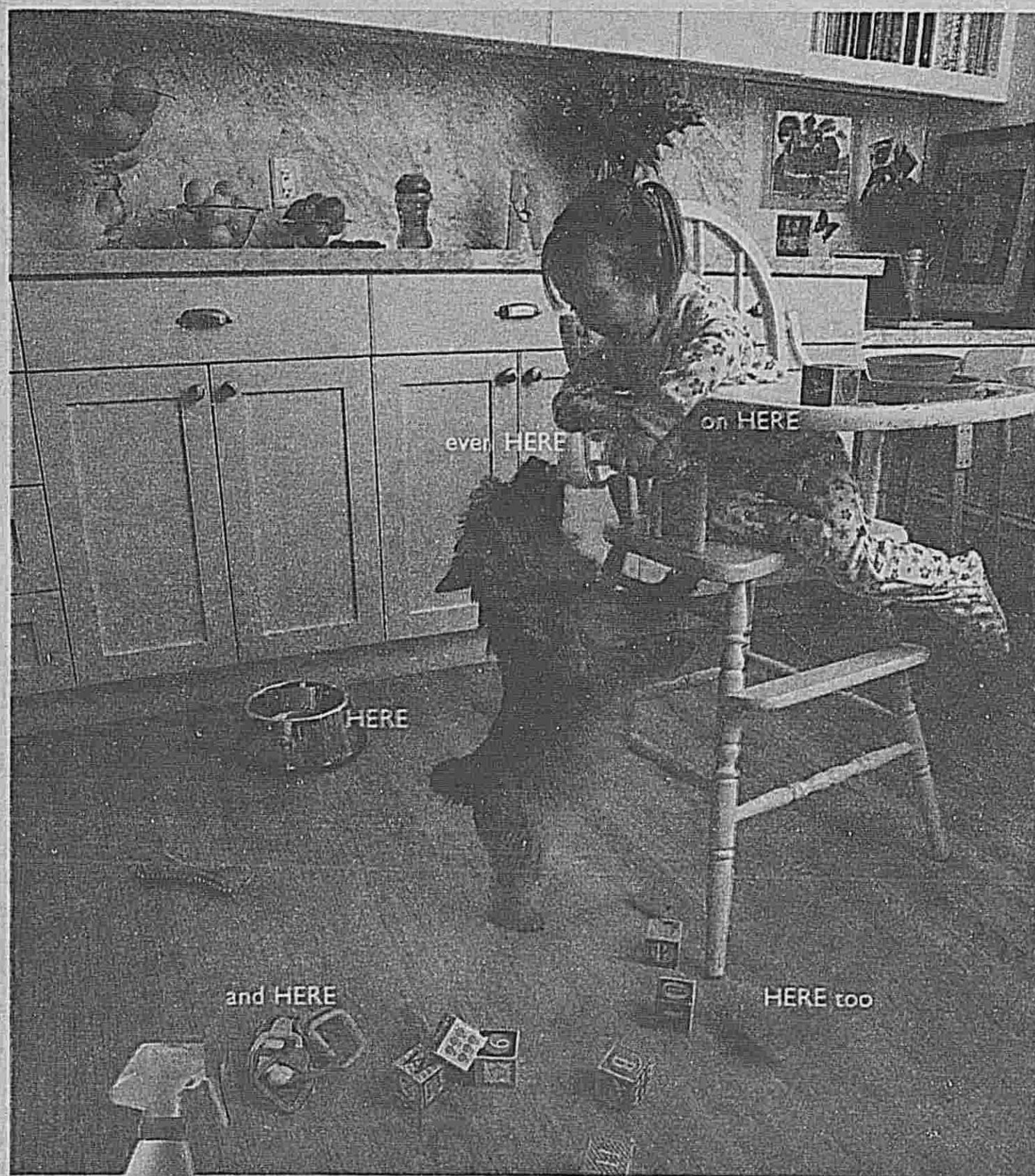
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Happy tales

Tales of happy matches abound from adopters like Tyler Harnish, 12, of Dansville, N.Y. (pop. 4,832).

"One of my friends had a ferret, so I already knew they were cute and adorable," says Tyler, who with his brother, Zachary, 9, checked Petfinder.com for about a month before adopting a ferret from the Humane Society at Lollypop Farm in Fairport, N.Y. (pop. 5,740). The boys named their pet Timone.

"You hold Timone up to your face and he kisses you," Tyler says. "I put him on a leash and take him to soccer games. He's our mascot."

People can search for a pet by kind, breed, size, age or location. Each animal has a snapshot and background story, if known, with a personality description. Some animals end up in shelters as a result of the owner's lifestyle change, such as a divorce, relocation or move to a nursing home. Others have been abused or abandoned.

Adoption fees vary with each shelter and may cover medical treatment and other expenses. Petfinder.com doesn't charge adopters or shelters, but is supported by advertisers including Purina and PETCO.

"For the service to be free, it's just fabulous," says Barnbi Haywood, president of the King George Animal Rescue League in King George, Va. "We could not exist without Petfinder." Volunteer rescuers in the village of 450 organized in 1998 and foster animals in their homes until they are adopted.

"We get a lot of puppies and we post them online, and we get calls from as far south as Florida and as north as Vermont," Haywood says.

Natasha Kemp of Cookeville, Tenn. (pop. 23,923), planned to spend several hundred dollars for a pricey purebred pup until she heard about Petfinder.com. "I hadn't even thought about a shelter dog," Kemp says. Then she clicked and stared into the eyes of a fluffy white dog at the Humane Association of Wilson County in Lebanon, Tenn. (pop. 20,235).

"I found myself going back to his picture over and over again," says Kemp, 24. "Here was this little dog who just wanted one person to want him." Two hours before the shelter closed, she drove an hour to see him.

"He's absolutely adorable," Kemp says about Charley, the wheaten-terrier mix she adopted for \$75. "He loves swimming in the lake and walking in the park. Life without Charley is unthinkable."

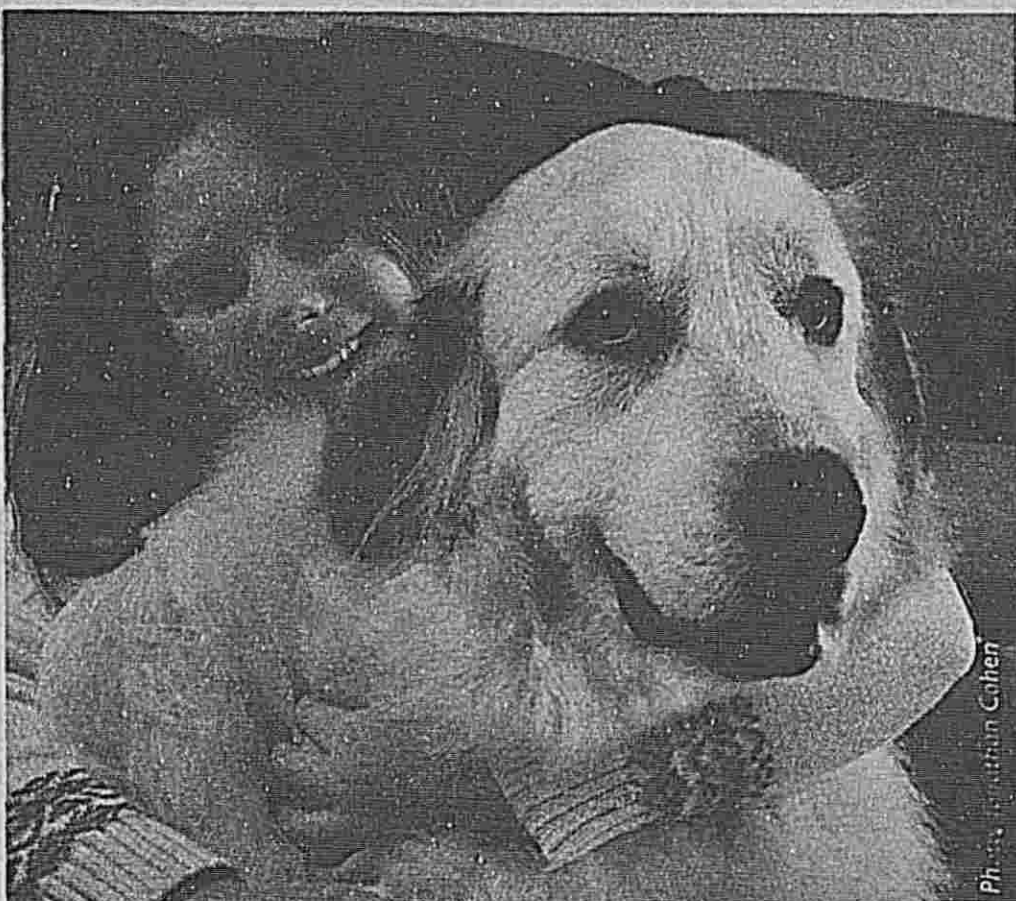


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Olivia Shadduck of Vestal, N.Y., found an ideal dog (Luca) 850 miles away.

Perfect match

The number of miles between the adopter and the adored pet usually isn't a problem. Sharon Shadduck of Vestal, N.Y. (pop. 26,535), and her daughter, Olivia, 11, searched for a dog after their Labrador retriever, Jake, died of cancer. They set their hearts on finding a Great Pyrenees and even settled on his name, Luca.

A few months into their search, Sharon opened an e-mail from Petfinder.com and couldn't believe her eyes.

"There he was—a 5-month-old pure Pyrenees already named Luca," Shadduck says. The puppy was 850 miles away at Jennifer's Rescues in Chattanooga, Tenn., but Shadduck made the 15-hour drive to pick up the family's new pet.

"I knew the minute I saw him that he was the one," she says.

The Sauls are heartened that so many homeless animals are getting the attention and affection they deserve. "All these animals are

waiting to enrich our lives," Jared says. "They're good companions. Kids who have a hard time bonding get help with a pet. People heal faster with pets."

Like millions of other pet lovers, the Sauls have opened their own hearts and home to animals whose profiles were posted on Petfinder.com. The couple's 65-acre farm is home to a menagerie, including four elderly horses, Dot, Harper, Mort and Tina; a blind pony, Pony Baloney; two goats, Biscuit and Macy; a sheep, Angus; and two dogs, Kobie and Sophie.

Caring for the pets is a welcome break for Betsy after directing 25 employees across the United States from her home-based office. Petfinder.com, which has grown into a multimillion-dollar business through the sale of online advertising and merchandising, now

employs computer programmers and Web designers, help-desk people and staff members who work with animal shelters, corporate sponsors and the media.

After a long day at the computer, Betsy leads a 36-year-old crippled horse named Dot from the barn to a spacious pasture. "Look how straight this girl is walking," she brags.

When Betsy finishes feeding the animals, she plops on the floor to rest and Kobie scrambles onto her lap where he gets smothered with kisses. The dog gazes at Betsy with adoring eyes.

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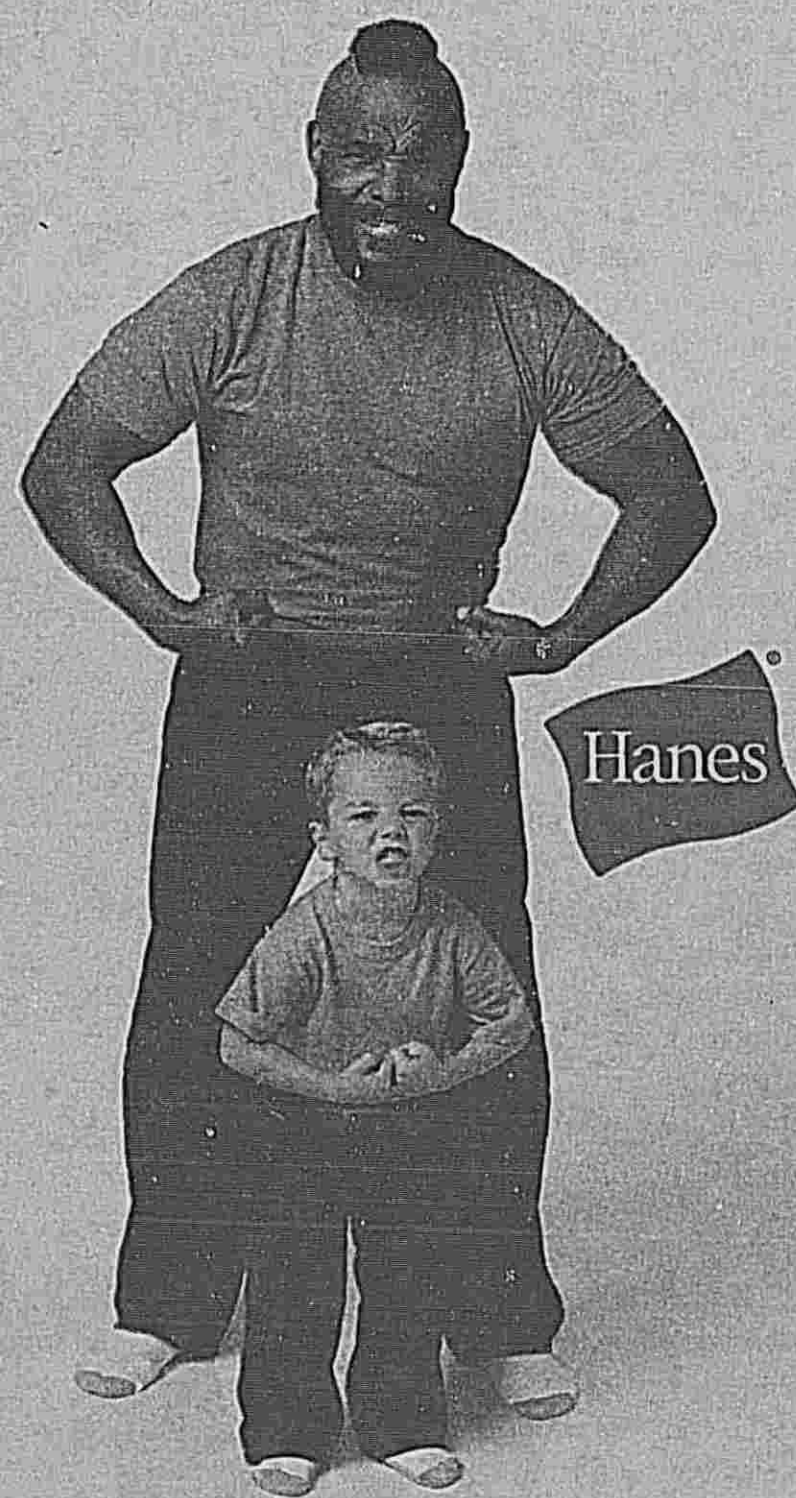
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Health

by NOEL E. NEFF

Breaking the Nicotine Addiction

Until five years ago, Rhonda Rosburg was a heavy smoker—a habit she started as a teenager but one that left her literally breathless at 30,000 feet during an airplane flight home in 1998. As her husband watched helplessly, she began gasping for air and later landed in the emergency room in Rochester, Minn.

Although the episode was scary enough to make her husband stop smoking, Rosburg resumed her pack-a-day habit within months. Only when she started panting while climbing stairs at age 42 did she finally get the message. "I didn't want to be 80 years old with an oxygen tank," says Rosburg, who overcame her nicotine addiction in 2001.

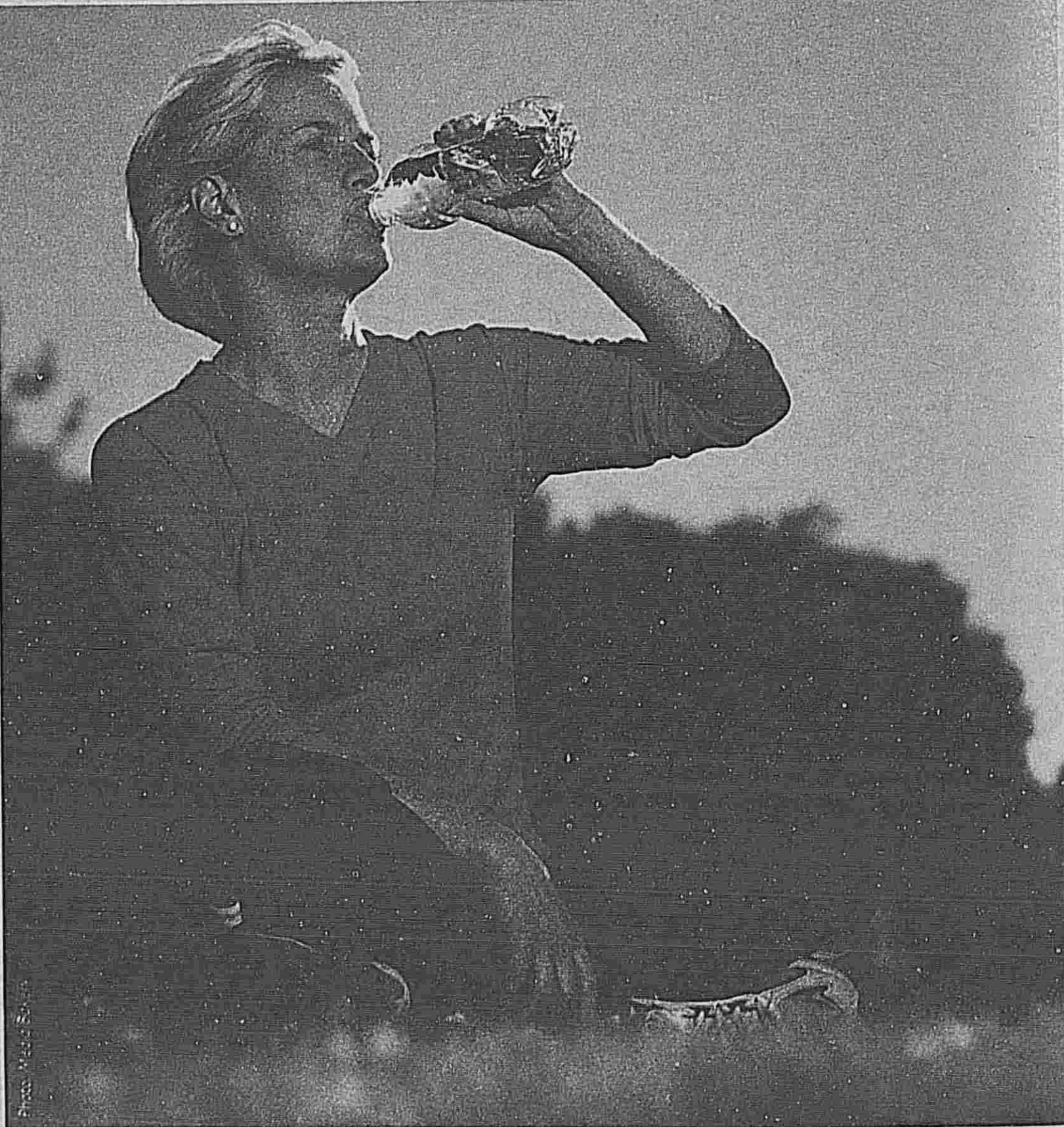
Almost every longtime smoker has attempted to kick the habit. But, in their initial enthusiasm, they discover quickly that changing behavior is only part of a complex transformation that also requires overcoming an addiction to nicotine. When inhaled by smoking tobacco products, this potent chemical sends the body conflicting signals, including physical and mood-altering effects in the brain that are temporarily pleasing. It is this satisfying "rush" that reinforces further tobacco use, says Dr. J. Taylor Hays of the Mayo Clinic's Nicotine Dependence Center in Rochester.

"Nicotine in tobacco smoke is delivered to the brain faster than intravenous medications," Hays says. "It's powerfully addictive."

To confront her addiction, Rosburg entered a residential treatment program at the Mayo Clinic, where she learned to change her smoking behaviors. She used nicotine-replacement products to gradually offset nicotine cravings as her body went through withdrawal. Rosburg took her last cigarette puff on June 8, 2001, and today at 47, she loathes cigarettes and has even enjoyed a health bonus: "I've lost 12 pounds because my lungs can finally handle jogging and running," she says.

Joel Spitzer, a smoking prevention and cessation consultant based in Evanston, Ill., delivers a no-nonsense message to "smoke-a-holics": Quit cold turkey! He says it's the easiest and most effective way to stop smoking for good.

"It's an addiction, like a recovering alcoholic taking a sip of a drink and suffering a relapse," says Spitzer, author of the online guide *Never Take Another Puff* (at www.whyquit.com). "One drag on a cigarette can undo everything."



Spitzer was a child when he convinced his mother to stop smoking and, for three decades, has led clinics and courses urging smokers never to take another puff. "You have a great chance of success if you recognize smoking as a drug addiction and not as just a bad habit," he says.

Here are 10 strategies for breaking the nicotine addiction.

Set a date. Mark your calendar with an "I quit!" day, and get rid of all cigarettes, ashtrays, lighters and other items related to smoking.

Be prepared. Expect to experience withdrawal symptoms such as mood swings, headaches, hunger, anxiety and a lack of focus. Understand that these symptoms, while uncomfortable, are only temporary.

Trigger points. Recognize daily routines that trigger smoking, such as coffee breaks or watching television, and avoid or adapt them to discourage old behaviors.

Cut down on caffeine. Caffeine can make you feel edgy. Drink more water and juice to reduce cravings.

Exercise can help. Take a brisk walk or engage in another physical activity.

Practice deep breathing. It can help you

relax and cope until cravings pass. Visualize your lungs filling with fresh, clean air.

Seek support. Join a support group such as Nicotine Anonymous (www.nicotine-anonymous.org), or attend a stop-smoking class.

Nicotine-replacement therapy. Over-the-counter products such as nicotine patches, gum and lozenges can help ease discomfort during withdrawal. Consult your physician about prescribed alternatives.

Positive reinforcement. Remind yourself of the health, social and financial benefits of not smoking.

Don't give up. If you try to quit and relapse, determine what went wrong and try again. Quitting smoking is a process. More than 46 million Americans have done it successfully, and you can, too. ★

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For two days each June, residents of Ticonderoga, N.Y. (pop. 5,167), welcome 1,100 living-history buffs to their namesake attraction, Fort Ticonderoga—one of the most fought-over forts in American history.

Known as The Grand Encampment, the French and Indian War re-enactment draws 66 re-enactment groups that set up camp on 10 acres around the fort and bring to life "The War That Made America."

From 1754 to 1763, England and France—the two world superpowers of the day—along with Colonial and Indian supporters fought for dominion over the vast North American wilderness that each claimed as its own.

Jon Soule, a tailor from Quechee, Vt. (pop. 600), is proud to bring that history to life, portraying the French commander of The Royal Roussillon Regiment. He says Fort Ticonderoga elicits strong emotions from re-enactors, who pay tribute to those who fought and fell there.

"This place is hallowed ground to us," Soule says of the fort, which was named a National Historic Landmark in 1961. He and others portray participants from the battle of July 8, 1758, when French troops defeated British forces as they made their first assault on the fort, suffering one of the greatest defeats in the British Empire's history.

"You can see the history, smell the history, feel the history," says Fort Ticonderoga Director Nicholas Westbrook, standing on the fort's ramparts overlooking Lake Champlain.

Dan Schrothe, who portrays a Colonial captain in the Jaeger Battalion of Roger's Rangers, agrees. "It's when I can step back in time to an entirely different life," says the Liverpool, N.Y. (pop. 2,505), school-



Re-enactment camps celebrate Fort Ticonderoga history.

teacher. "We can only scratch the surface of reality."

In 1755, the French extended their domain from Canada, building the fort—then named Fort Carillon—to control the waterways in the Champlain Valley. The fort became Fort Ticonderoga in 1759, when the English captured it on their second attempt.

At the end of the war, veterans settled on land grants given to them by the British crown, gravitating to the area around a sawmill that the French had built during construction of the fort. The veterans formed the nucleus from which the town of Ticonderoga—incorporated in 1804—would grow, creating the first industry in the valley. The La Chute River provided the power for a gristmill, blacksmith shop and mills to process locally raised Merino sheep wool. Ice exporting, lumbering and a booming boat building industry grew there throughout the 19th century, followed by paper mills, which are the largest employers in Ticonderoga today.

Abandoned and falling into disrepair, the fort was

Re-enactors Wade Stoner, Jon Soule and Dan Schrothe during The Grand Encampment



purchased in 1820 by William Ferris Pell, a New York merchant and entrepreneur hoping to capitalize on the steady flow of tourists who began visiting the fort in the late 1700s. Three generations of Pells set about restoring the three-and-a-half-acre fort and amassing one of the largest collections of 18th-century artifacts in the nation. Fort Ticonderoga officially opened to the public in 1908. The Pells divested their interests in the fort in 1931, when it was taken over by its current owners, the Fort Ticonderoga Association, a not-for-profit educational institution.

Today, the town basks in the economic glow that the fort's annual 90,000 visitors generate. In addition to learning about the fort's role in the French and Indian War, tourists come to learn about its significance during the American Revolution. In 1775, while the fort was under British control, Ethan Allen's Green Mountain Boys raided it and captured its canons, which were then rolled to Boston to attack the British there. Then in 1777, the Americans captured the fort and held it until the end of the war.

"As we grow, the fort is going to grow, and as the fort grows, we will grow," says Town Supervisor (Continued on page 18)

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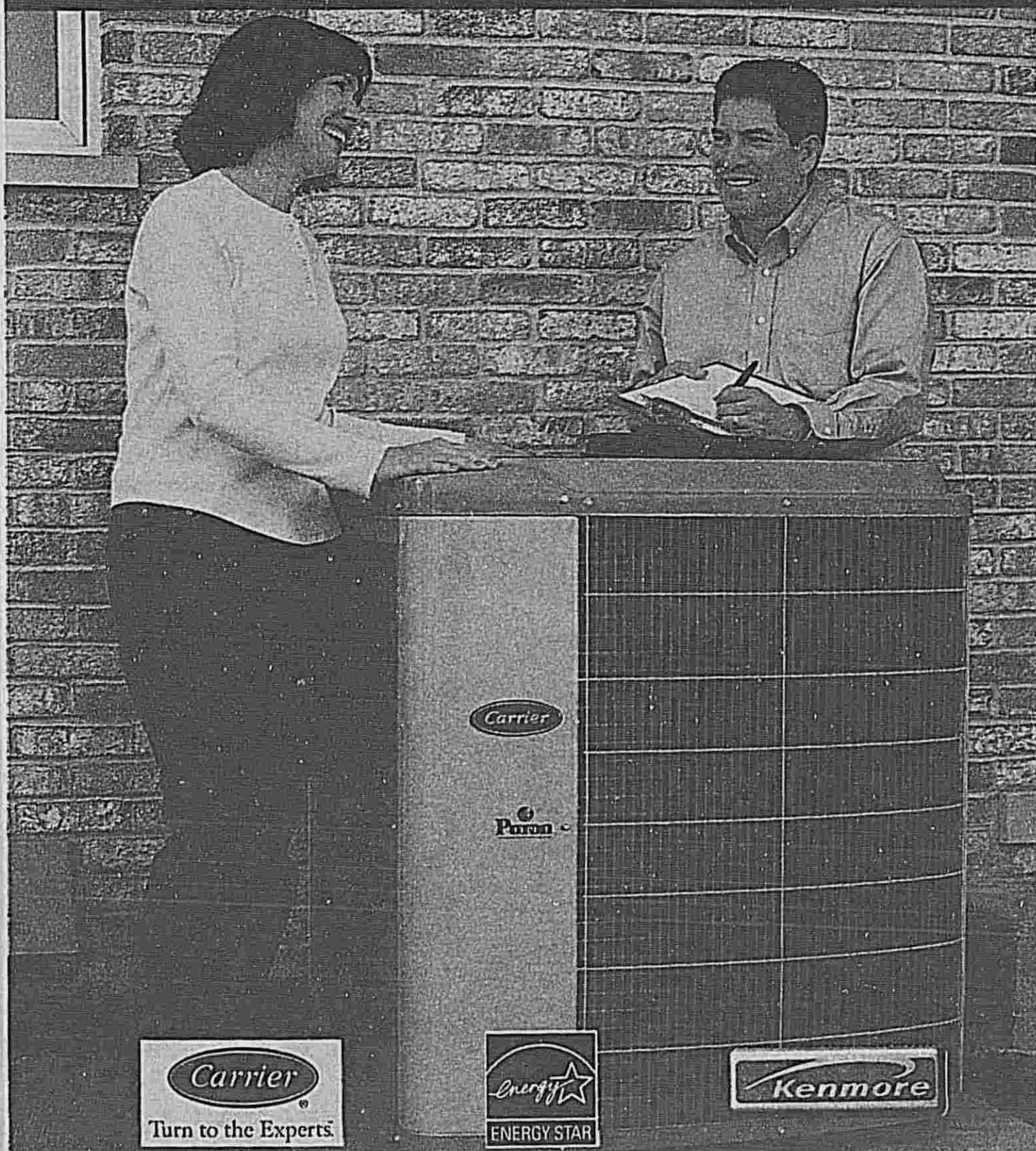
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Family

Recipes for Family Fun

by KATHY PEEL

Every child's mind is a storehouse of memories. Carving out some time each day to have fun as a family will increase the chances that those memories are good ones. All you need is a can-do attitude. Use these ideas to jump-start some family fun at your house.

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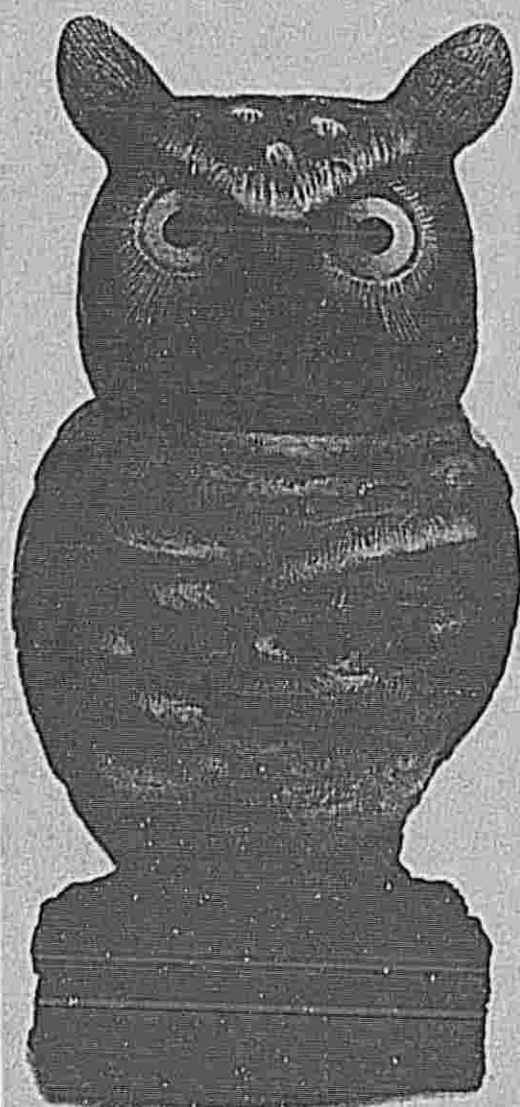
- Have a family awards night. Give personalized awards for silly categories such as Fastest Dish Washer, Best Animal Imitator and Quickest to Answer Phone.
- Play charades and act out the titles of books or films your children know.

Get in touch with your inner artist

- Create toothpick architecture: Roll modeling clay into tiny beads, about one-quarter inch in diameter. Use the beads as corner joints for holding toothpicks in place. Build anything you like (houses, space stations, etc.) and then take a picture of your creation.
- Make original screensavers for your computer from the piles of artwork your child brings home and doesn't want to part with. Work together scanning each masterpiece into your computer and pick a different work of art each week to be your screensaver.
- Make music with bottles. Line up an assortment of empty bottles in various sizes and shapes, add water and blow gently across the top. By adding or pouring out water, you can change the pitch. See if family members can name that tune!
- Draw funny faces on the bottom of each other's feet with washable markers.



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Make finding fun

- Go on a scavenger hunt at a zoo or local museum. Make a list of animals or exhibits and reward yourselves when you identify all items on the list.
- Turn an ordinary neighborhood walk into an alphabet hunt. In alphabetical order, try to spot things that start with the letter you're looking for.
- Hide a young child's stuffed animals around the house. Turn off all the lights and use a flashlight to go on a safari to "capture" the animals.

Make your own fun

- Have sock wars. Clear a room of breakable items, then make "ammunition" by rolling socks into balls. Divide into two teams; decide on boundary lines and start throwing. Play the theme music from *Star Wars* to enhance battle fun.
- Make up a family trivia game. Questions could include: Where did Mom and Dad go on their first date? What was your child's first word? When is your pet's birthday? What is each family member's favorite food or movie?
- Create crazy putty: In a bowl, combine one-half cup white glue and one-quarter cup liquid starch. Stir until blended, then knead a couple of minutes with your hands until smooth. Stretch it like taffy, roll into bouncy balls or press putty on the Sunday comics and see what happens.

Have fun with food

- Use toothpicks to roast miniature marshmallows over candlelight.
- Invent a new flavor of ice cream. Begin with a plain flavor and add fruit, nuts, crumbled candy bars, crushed cookies or peanut butter. Give your creation a crazy name.
- Keep a picnic basket and cooler easily accessible for impromptu outings.

Enjoy the great outdoors

- Camp out in your backyard. Lie on blankets and watch for shooting stars. Listen for nocturnal animals.
- Get up early one Saturday, watch the sun rise and cook breakfast at a park.
- Buy a tree-identification book, or check out one at the library. Go on an outing and identify the trees in your area. ★

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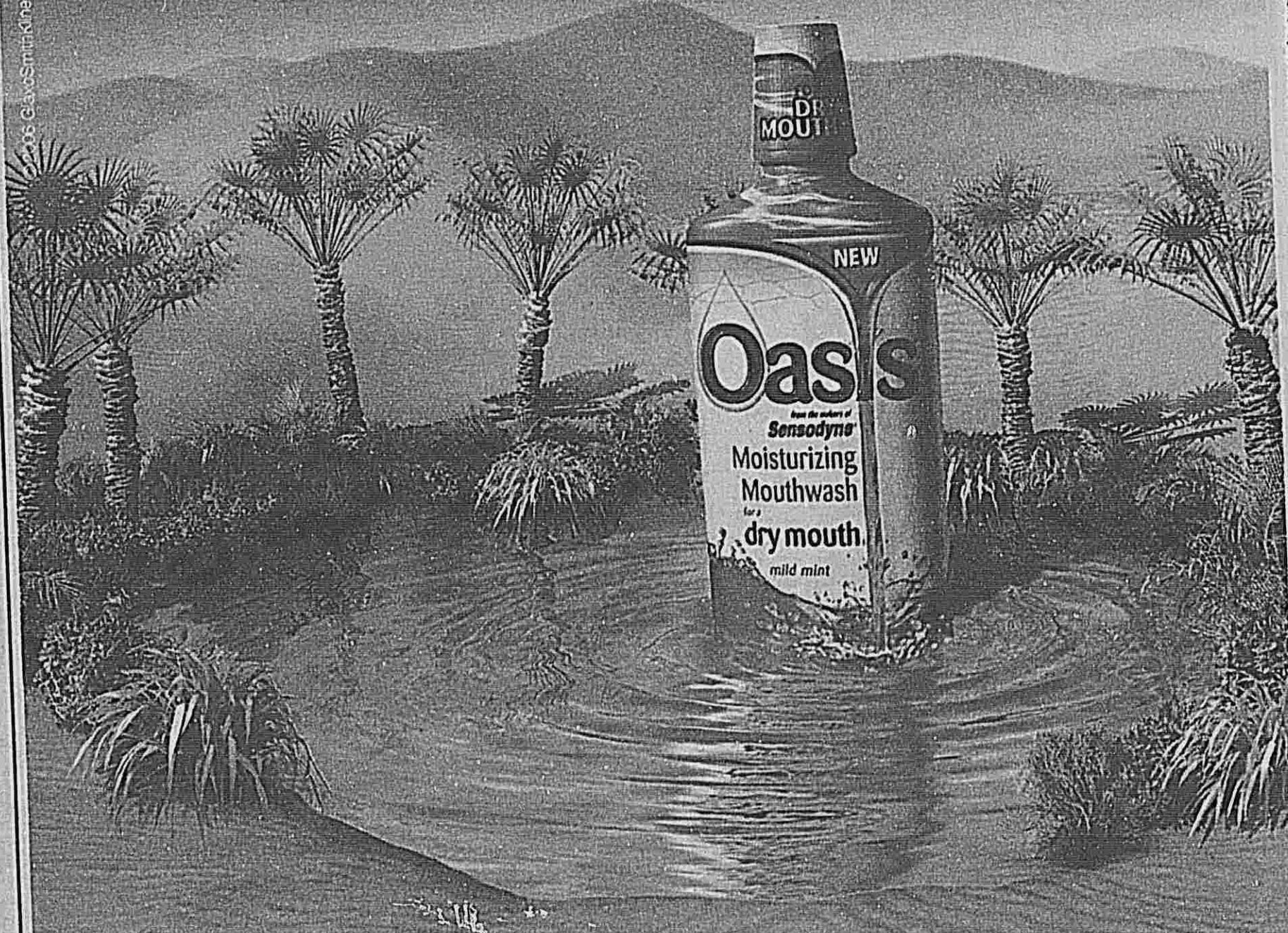
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Hometown Hero

by AMY HOUTS

Cruising for Charity

Tom Brand is all smiles as he sits atop his 1949 John Deere tractor, leading a colorful parade of 379 antique tractors on a round-trip, 55-mile benefit ride from Savannah, Mo. (pop. 4,860), to his hometown of St. Joseph, Mo. (pop. 73,148), and back.

Known as the Show-Me Tractor Cruise, the annual procession brings together hundreds of antique tractor owners from around the "Show-Me" state who withstand 90-degree temperatures to raise money for Camp Quality of Northwest Missouri, a summer camp for children with cancer.

"What this whole thing is about is charity," says Brand, 35, who created the first Show-Me Tractor Cruise in 2003. "We are riding for a purpose."

The route takes participants—ranging from ages 16 to 88—along Missouri River bluffs, through town parks and into urban landscapes with spectators lining city streets and standing in farm fields to admire the roaring tractors with brand names such as Farmall, Case and Massey adorning their front grills.

"People set up lawn chairs to watch," Brand says of supporters along the route, which changes annually. "They wave and holler, cheering us on."

Tammy Vandivert, of Maryville, Mo. (pop. 10,565), watches the tractors roll by with tears in her eyes. Vandivert's daughter, Amanda, had liver cancer and attended Camp Quality. "It's so moving," Vandivert says.



Cruise creator Tom Brand

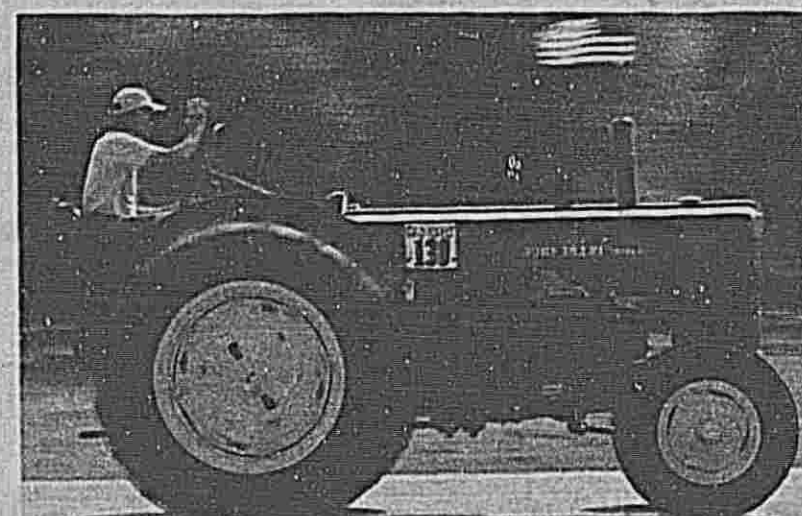
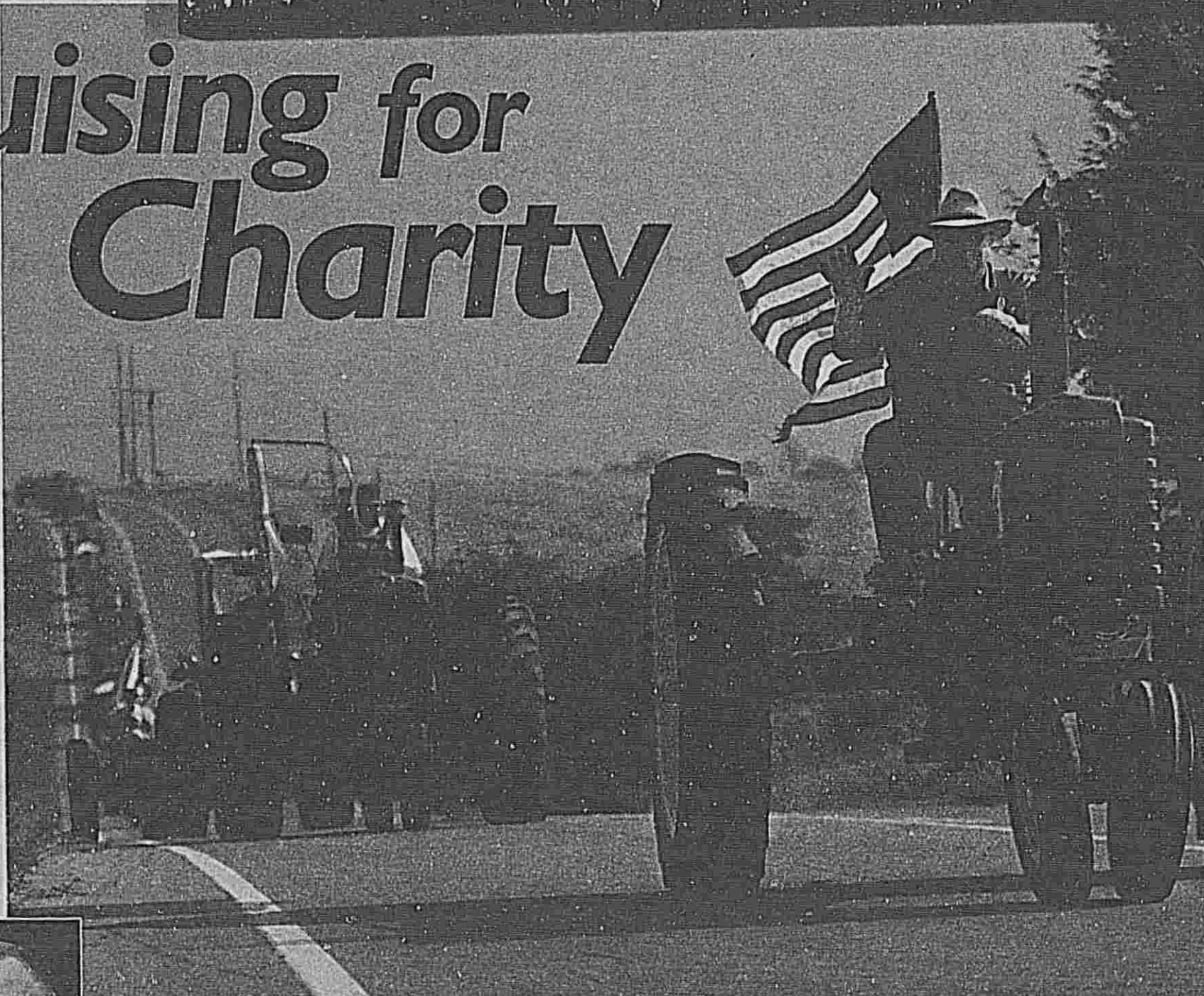
"I don't often see that many people taking part to support something that has meant so much to our family."

The idea for the all-day tractor cruise began when Brand, a father of four and the farm director at KFEQ Radio in St. Joseph, wanted to start a family-oriented event. After meeting participants of the Great Iowa Tractor Ride,

Brand organized a committee to help host a similar event locally. He then learned about Camp Quality from a committee member whose daughter had cancer and attended the Stewartville, Mo. (pop. 749), camp, which annually hosts 100 children at a cost of \$1,100 per child.



Spectators show their support for the event which benefits Camp Quality, a summer camp for kids with cancer.



The cruise has since become the largest single fund-raiser for the camp, donating \$55,000 last year.

"I can't praise them enough," says Rex Malson, fund-raising chairman for the camp's board of directors. "They have touched the hearts of so many people. Tom is the key man. If he says something, he will stand behind it."

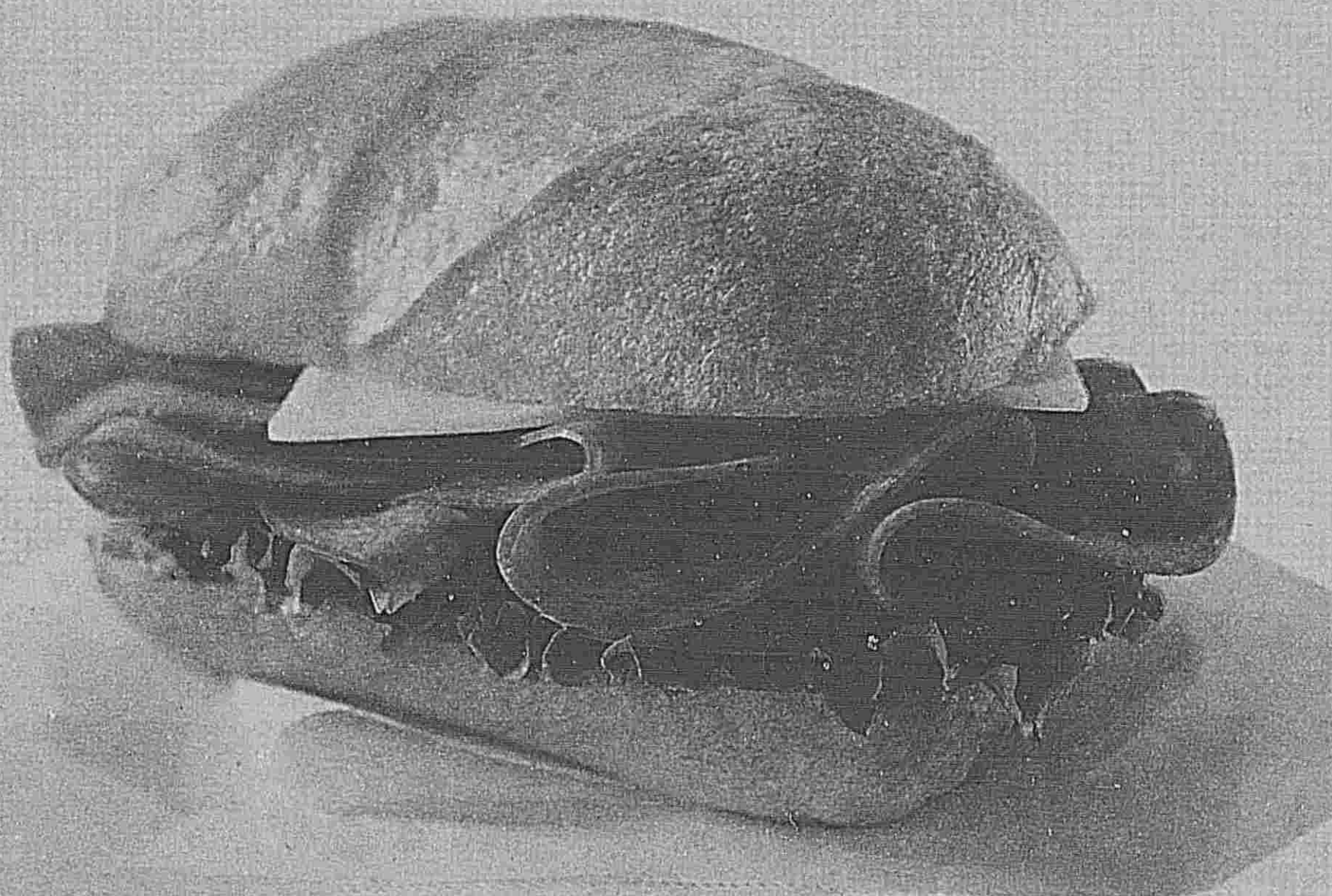
Tom's wife, Beth, says their whole family gets involved in the event. "Starting in January, we work five days a week, two to three hours each evening," she says. "By June, it's up to four to five hours a day. Tom does the majority of the work, but the whole committee does their part."

Participation in the Show-Me Tractor Cruise has increased from 87 tractors in 2003 to 207 tractors in 2004 to 379 tractors last year. Money is raised through a \$30 registration fee and a challenge to bring in an additional \$100, plus a fund-raising barbecue when the ride ends.

John Murphy, of Maysville, Mo. (pop. 1,170), has

A line of 379 antique tractors travels through northwest Missouri as part of the annual Show-Me Tractor Cruise.

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participated in each tractor cruise. "I feel really good about helping someone who really needs help," says Murphy, who's visited Camp Quality to offer horse and cart rides to the children. "After you see some of these kids, it makes you think how fortunate you are that you don't have to face those battles. It's one of the best causes I've been involved in."

Brand says his favorite moment came during the first year of the Show-Me Tractor Cruise, which started and ended in the town of Guilford, Mo. (pop. 87), and toured the rolling countryside of six northwest Missouri towns. He recalls being almost through the 76-mile ride and feeling hot and tired.

"Then I saw a sign in the yard," Brand says. "It said: 'Thank you, Tractor Cruisers! A Camp Quality camper lives here.' It was an emotional day." ☆

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This year's Show-Me Tractor Cruise is scheduled June 24. Visit www.showmetractorcruise.com for more information.

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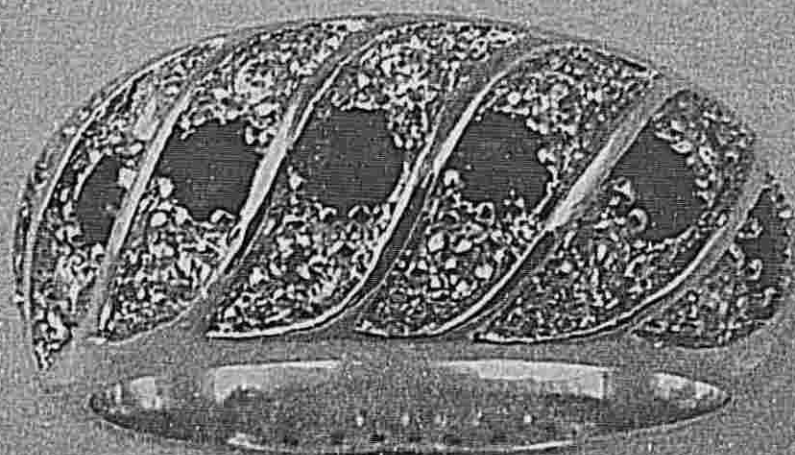
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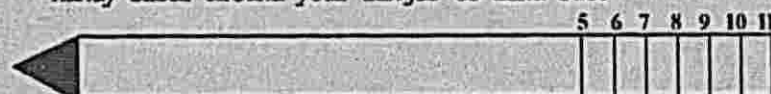
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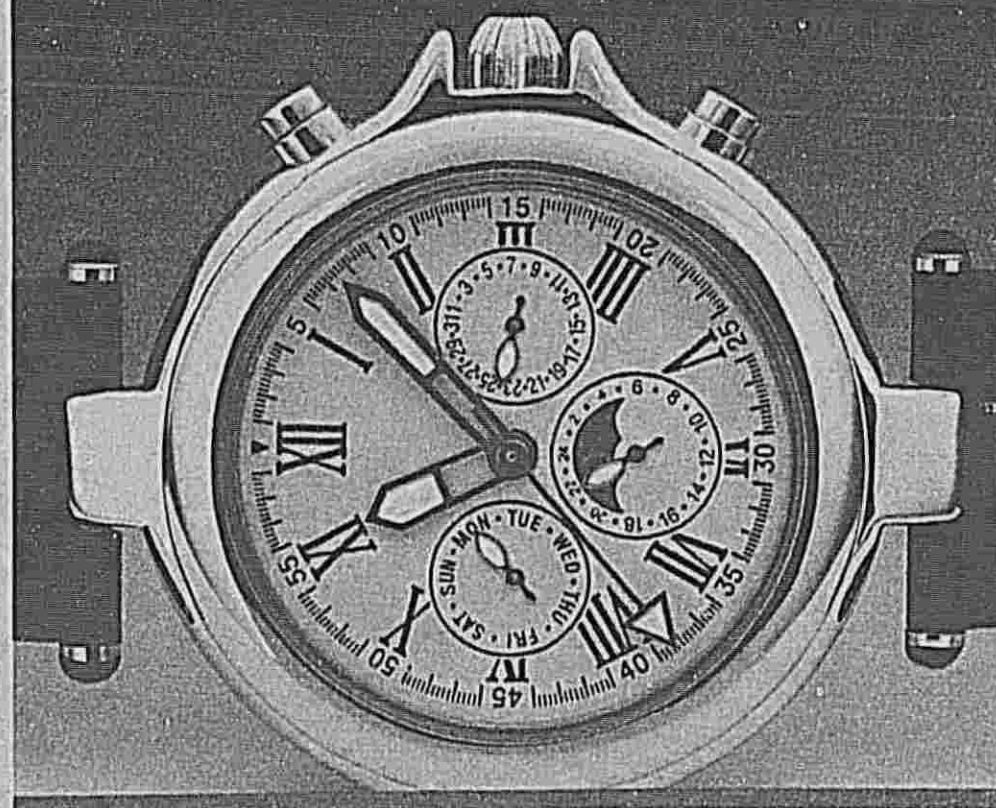
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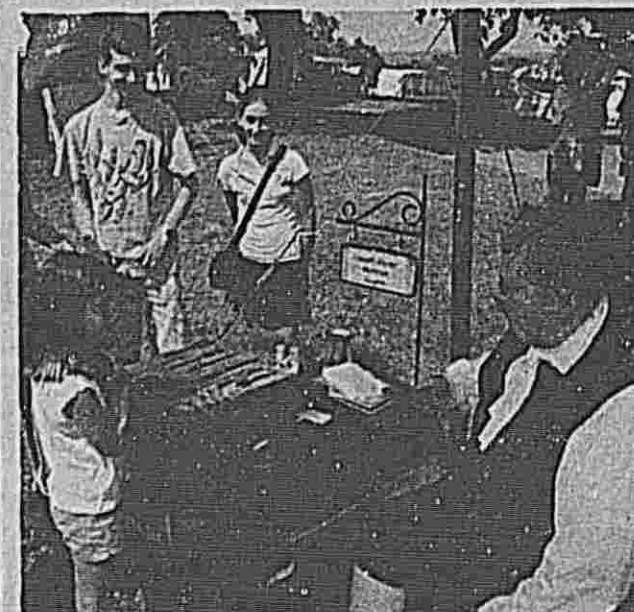
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The Golden Days of Radio—Peoria, June 16-18. Enjoy this re-creation of old-time radio with comedy skits and musical numbers such as "My Blue Heaven" and "For Me and My Gal" at Peoria Players Theatre. (309) 688-4473.

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KANSAS

Galesburg Days—Galesburg, July 7-9. A draft horse pull, wiffle ball and horseshoe tournaments, arts & crafts fair, hog roast, outdoor movie and street dance highlight this 17th annual event. (620) 763-2321.

MICHIGAN

Jaycees' Wanigan Festival—Cheboygan, June 23-24. Help build a log raft and race down the Cheboygan River while cooking chili on a woodstove, plus enjoy live bands during the evenings. (231) 597-0321.

MINNESOTA

Land of the Loon Festival—Virginia, June 17-18. A parade kicks off this 30th annual event, which also features 300 arts & crafts booths, 25 ethnic food booths and live entertainment at Olcott Park. (218) 749-5555.

MISSOURI

Wings Over Whiteman—Whiteman Air Force Base, June 17-18. Look up as the U.S. Army Parachute Team's "Golden Knights" and the Lima T-34 Flight aerobatic team headline this air show, which also features an aircraft display. (660) 687-6123.

NEBRASKA

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NORTH DAKOTA

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OHIO

Cy Young Festival—Newcomerstown, June 23-25. Honoring the legendary baseball pitcher, this event features a parade, arts & crafts, a flea market and car show. (740) 498-4545.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Black Hills Roundup Rodeo—Belle Fourche, July 2-4. Professional cowboys and cowgirls compete in three rodeos during this event, which also features a 10K run, parade, barbecue, arts & crafts, music and fireworks. (888) 345-5859.

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Homemaker Invents A Shine That Lasts

Miracle Polish Ends Struggle With Tarnishing Metals. By D.H. Wagner

Lately, I have noticed quite a few newspapers and magazines praising a polish formulated by a homemaker. The articles report that Donna Maas grew frustrated with rubbing and scrubbing her silver, brass and other metals only to see them quickly become dull and tarnished again. Determined to put an end to her constant battle with tarnish, Donna formulated a metal cleaner and it's transforming the industry.

Anita Gold, nationally syndicated columnist and expert on the restoration of antiques calls MAAS (named after its inventor) "The best and most amazing polish in the world." Ms. Gold wrote in her column, "A truly miraculous polish referred to as 'miracle polish' that'll turn the most disastrous pieces into the most de-bright-ful is MAAS Fine Polishing Creme For All Metals, which cleans, restores, preserves and polishes to perfection any brass, copper, chrome, silver, stainless steel, aluminum, gold or any other metal with amazing results - no matter how badly stained, spotted, discolored, flood-damaged, weathered, dirty, dingy, drab, or dull they may be."

Since I had an old brass lamp in desperate need of restoration, this journalist decided to put MAAS to the test. The lamp had been stored in the garage and was in far worse condition than I remembered. I was flabbergasted as I watched the polish wipe away layers and years of tarnish. Never have I used anything so easy. The lamp actually looks better than when I purchased it. Better yet, months later it's still glowing!

The polish worked so effortlessly, I decided to refurbish my mother's antique brass and copper cookware. The badly stained pots and pans developed black spots that had been impossible to remove. MAAS wiped away years of built-up residue even from the most discolored pieces. While polishing, I noticed MAAS applying a shine on the stainless steel sink. WOW! The shine is

unbelievable and although I wash dishes every day, the shine keeps-on-shining. And it's no longer covered with ugly water spots, water just rolls off the protective finish and down the drain.

Good Housekeeping Institute recommends MAAS for restoring heavily tarnished heirlooms stating, "MAAS cleans best and gives lasting results." The Miami Herald says, "Polishing product can renew old silver." The Chicago Tribune headline sums it all up by saying "One Amazing Polish Is The Best At Everything."

How did a homemaker come up with something the industry's experts couldn't? The reporter in me had to find out.



During our interview Donna explained, "I enjoy the warmth that beautifully polished metals add to a home. However, not the hours it took to keep them tarnish free. The harsh cleaners left my hands dry and burning - one instant silver dip smelled so bad I felt sick. When I read the label, I discovered it contained cancer-causing ingredients. That's when I became determined to find a better way to care for the metals in my home."

And that she did. Her formula developed with a chemist friend quickly restores and leaves a deep, rich one-of-a-kind luster beyond anything I've ever seen.

"To my surprise," Donna reveals, "the formula far exceeded my original goal. MAAS restored glass fireplace doors, clouded crystal vases, fiberglass, linoleum even plastic. The restorations were so remarkable everyone suggested that I sell my invention on television".

Donna sent samples of her polish to televised shopping channels and both QVC and



Home Shopping Network asked Donna to personally appear on TV to demonstrate her product. As soon as viewers saw how effortlessly MAAS removed tarnish, stubborn spots, and stains from the piles of badly oxidized metals on stage MAAS hit big time. 17,000 viewers called during MAAS' debut and encore performances quickly brought a million dollars in record-breaking sales.

Sheila Oetting in Florida wrote Donna saying, "Thank you, for a wonderful product! Family treasures with 30 years of tarnish, grime and corrosion are gleaming. I'm so thrilled to see the beauty that had been hidden all those years."

Leona Toppel, was about to throw away a brass chandelier. "No amount of elbow grease could shine it up. With very little effort (a big plus since I suffer from arthritis) MAAS made that chandelier look like new. It's been years and to everyone's surprise it's still glowing."

A consumer study of 28 metal polishes reports, "MAAS Polishing Creme has no equals in all around polishing performance..." MAAS retained its shine longer than every polish tested.

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Donna Roane of Aberdeen, Miss., sent us her recipe for Blueberry Pound Cake. Using fresh berries from her blueberry farm, she whips this dessert together using a boxed cake mix.

The recipe for Blackberry Dessert was submitted by Gilberta Rayl of Palmyra, Mo. "This blackberry dessert is easy to make, beautiful to serve and heavenly to eat," she says.

As always, *American Profile* looks forward to receiving—and publishing—your favorite recipes each week, and sharing them with our millions of readers across the nation. ★

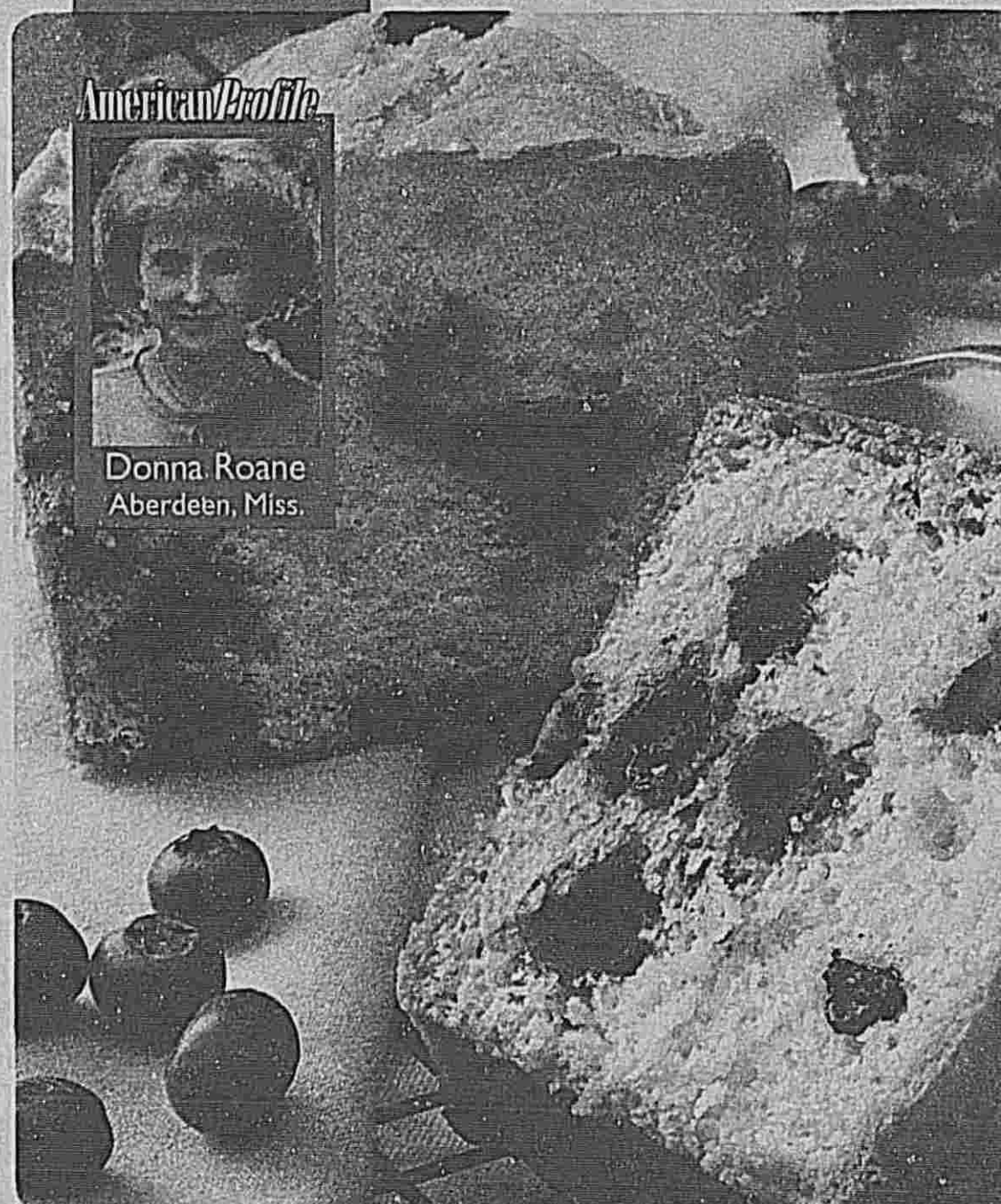
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RECIPE: Blueberry Pound Cake



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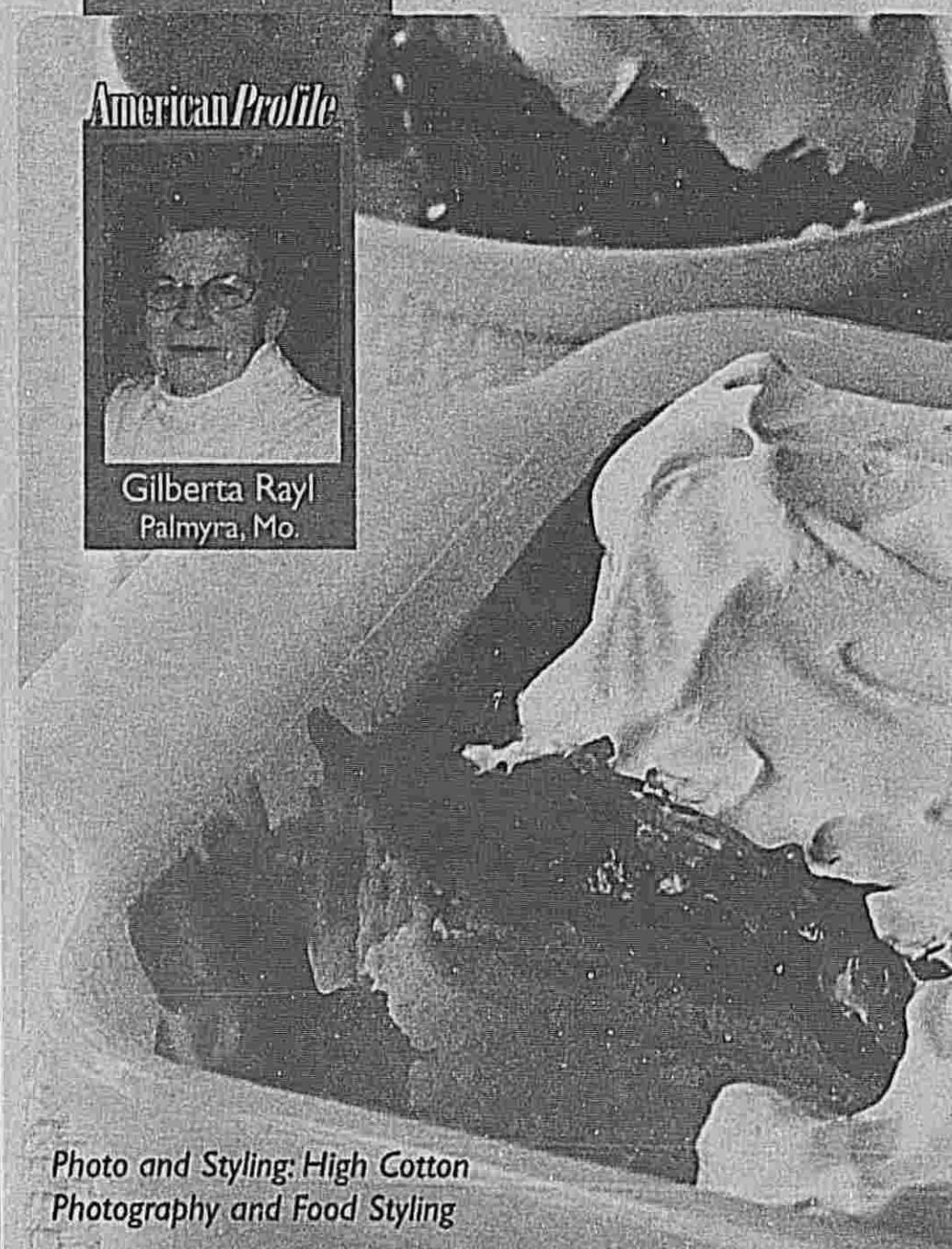
Blueberry Pound Cake
1 package butter-flavored cake mix
8 ounces cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup vegetable oil
3 eggs
2 cups blueberries

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Lightly grease and flour a 10-inch tube pan. Combine cake mix, cream cheese, oil and eggs. Beat until smooth. Gently fold in berries. Spoon into prepared pan and bake for about 1 hour or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Serves 12 to 16.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen:
Serve this cake with whipped cream flavored with 1/2 teaspoon of almond extract.

Photo: Adam Barnes
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RECIPE: Blackberry Dessert



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Gilberta Rayl
Palmyra, Mo.

Blackberry Dessert

Crust:
2 sticks butter
1 and 1/2 cups flour

Filling:
8 ounces cream cheese, softened
1 cup confectioners' sugar
1/4 cup milk

Topping:
1 and 3/4 cups sugar
1/2 cup water
4 cups blackberries
6 tablespoons cornstarch
12 ounces whipped topping

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Melt butter and mix well with flour. Press into a 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Bake for 20 minutes. Cool. Mix together ingredients for filling and pour over cooled crust. For the topping, mix together sugar, water, blackberries and cornstarch in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil and cook 3 minutes. Cool, pour on top of cream cheese layer, and spread evenly. Top with whipped topping. Refrigerate. Serves 12 to 16.

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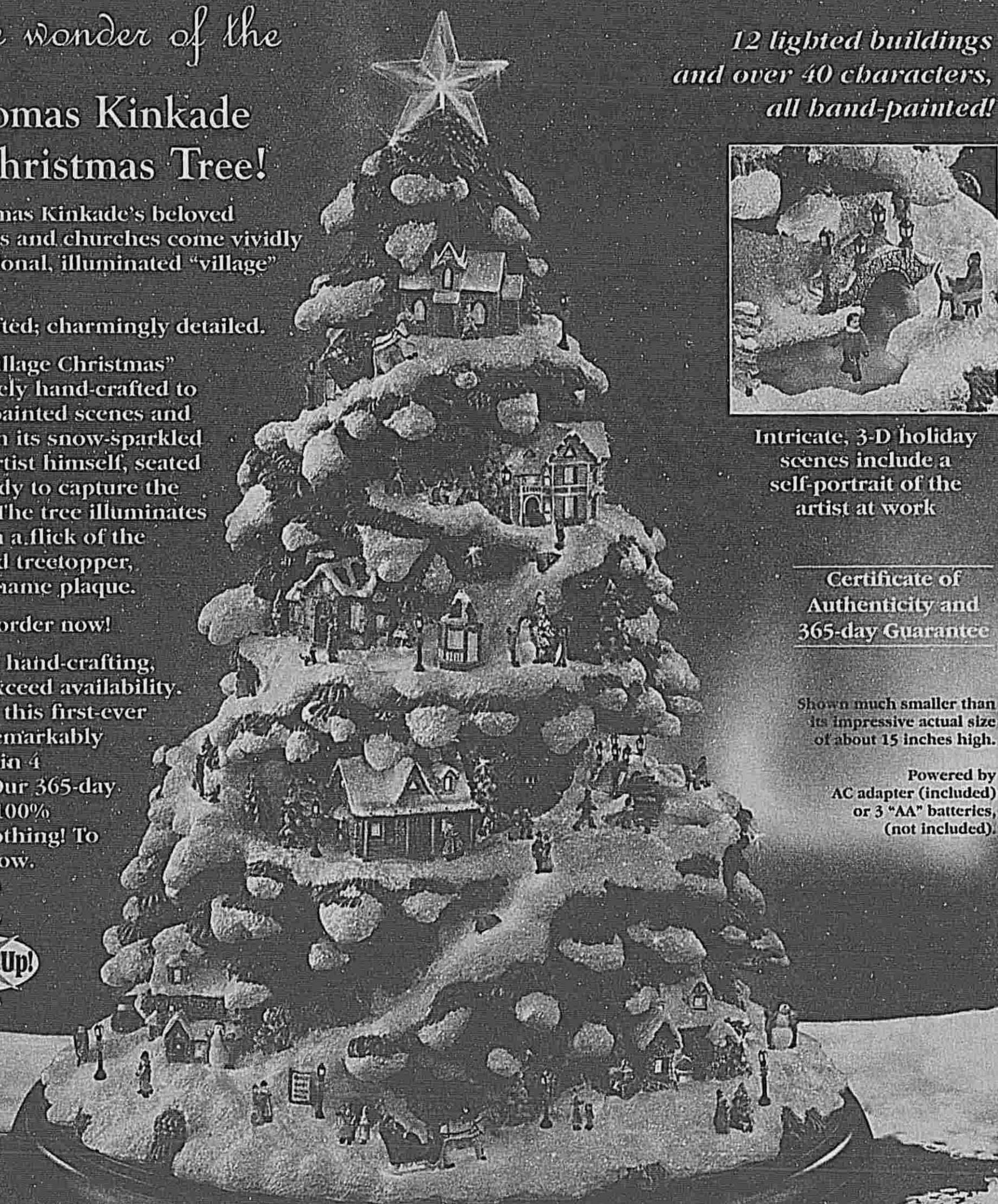
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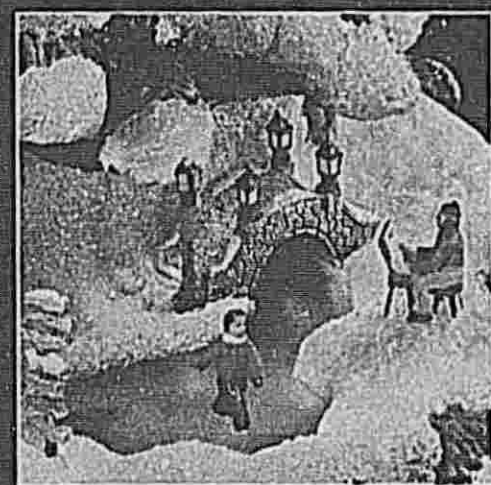
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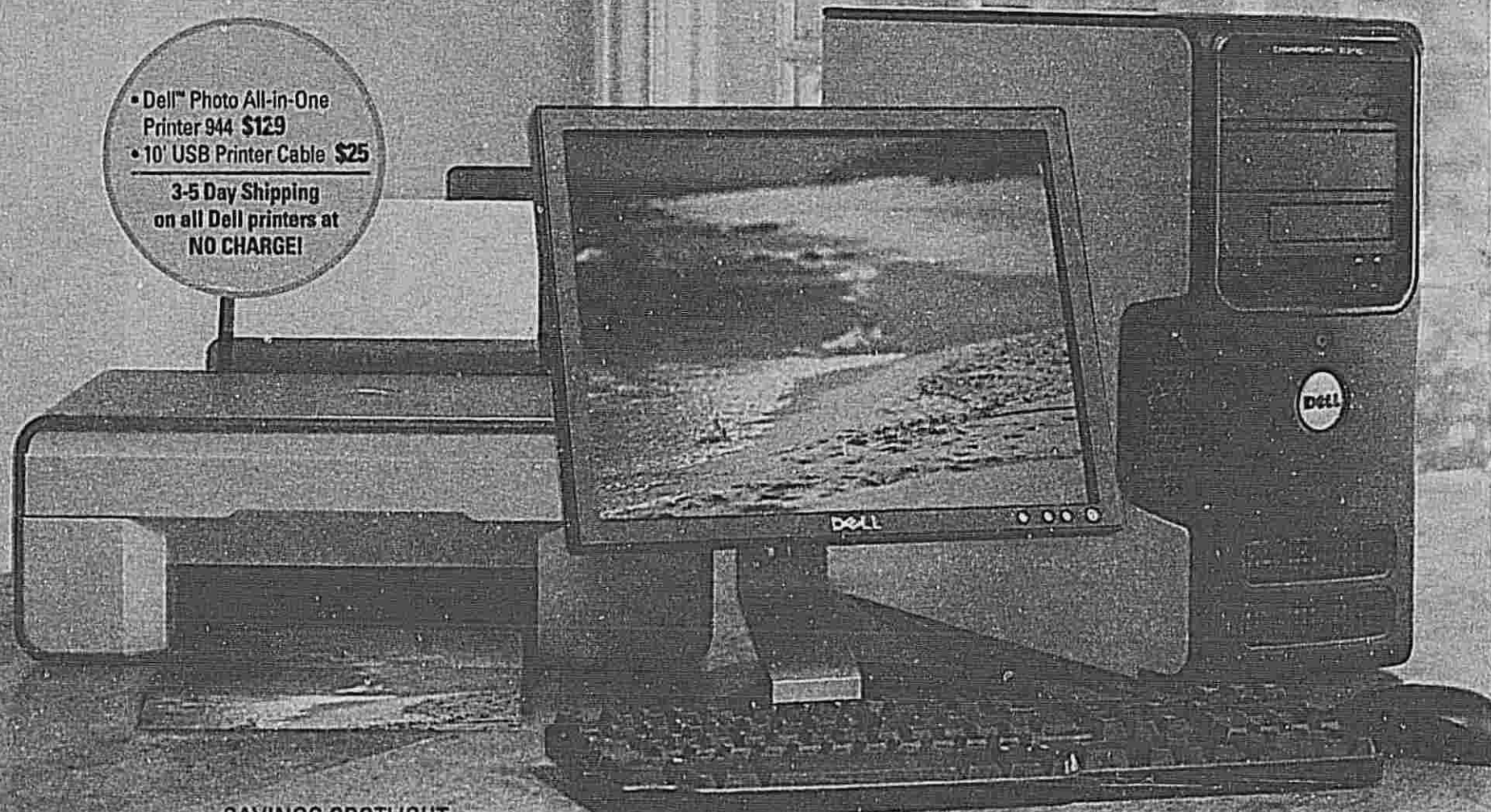
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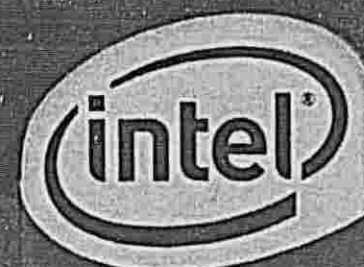
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